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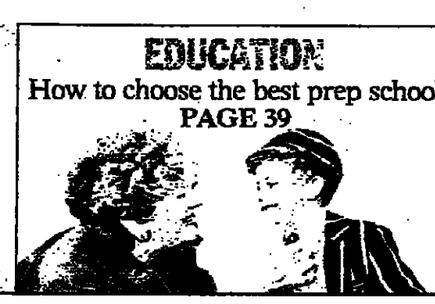


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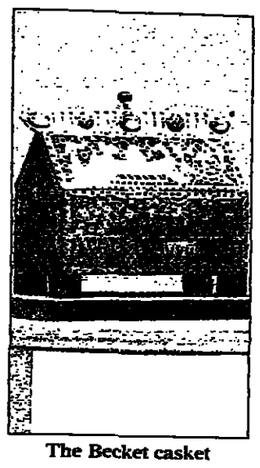
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The Becket casket

Bottomley acts to keep casket in Britain

BY ROBIN YOUNG

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, yesterday made an unprecedented intervention to stop the St Thomas à Becket Chasse leaving Britain after a last-minute attempt to buy it for the nation had failed.

The chasse, a 12th century reliquary casket believed to have held the blood and bones of St Thomas à Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury murdered in his cathedral in 1170 by four of King Henry II's knights, sold for over £4 million. This was more than double its estimate and the amount at which it had been offered, and double the sum at which it would have been available to British museums until a few weeks ago.

A last-ditch attempt to purchase it for the nation was mounted by the National Heritage Memorial Fund, supported by the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Lord Rothschild, the chairman of the fund, had decided to make available £4 million, half the fund's annual purchase allowance, but his representative was obliged to drop out after a final bid of £3.6 million.

The casket was then knocked down to Sam Fogg, a London antiquarian book dealer acting for "an anony-

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Defiant canon says he will stay on

Carey orders Lincoln feud clergy to quit

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT, AND RUSSELL JENKINS

THE Archbishop of Canterbury put his authority on the line yesterday by publicly demanding the resignation of two senior clergy who have been feuding for years over the running of Lincoln Cathedral.

Dr George Carey said that the dispute between the Dean and his Subdean had caused him great shame and could not be allowed to continue; it was a cancer on the body of Lincoln and a scandal dishonouring the name of the Lord. The animosity between the two men was such that neither was able to fulfil his basic role as a priest.

But the Subdean, Canon Rex Davis, immediately defied the Archbishop, saying that he would remain in office and that he believed the Dean, Dr Brandon Jackson, was of the same mind. Dr Jackson has asked for time to consider the matter and has gone away to pray about it.

If neither goes, the Church will be plunged into a new crisis. Dr Carey, who has no power to force either man out, has won hearts and minds all over the country in his five years as Archbishop and people both in Lincoln and elsewhere will certainly support him on the issue. That



"I accuse Reverend Green of doing it in the hall, the library, the dining room, the . . ."

would put further pressure on the two clergymen whose seven-year conflict began over a disastrous fund-raising exhibition in Australia and culminated last year in the Dean being accused — and cleared — of sexual misconduct.

Dr Carey, who said yesterday that he had never encountered such a situation outside the pages of Trollope, has faced demands from both clergy and lay people all around the world to do something about it, but he was rendered helpless by the two men's "parson's freehold" — the ancient right to a job for life.

In the end, his unprecedented intervention came in answer to a plea from the Bishop, the Rt Rev Robert Hardy, who was last year accused by Dr Jackson of being part of a conspiracy to force him from office. Bishop Hardy, who yesterday deplored the deadlock as undermining the mission of the Church and the credibility of the Christian faith, was so frustrated by the problems that he threatened to resign himself.

The Archbishop sent his appointments secretary, Hector McLean, to investigate and Mr McLean spent almost five months working full-time on the problem. In April, on Dr Carey's instructions, he told both men that they could either resign or take early retirement on full pensions, and last month Dr Carey repeated the offer in person when he invited each man to Lambeth Palace. It was formally put in writing this week and both were given ten days to respond.

The two priests, both in their early sixties, would each receive a lump sum of £25,600 plus a full pension worth £10,600 a year to the Dean and £8,400 to Canon Davis.

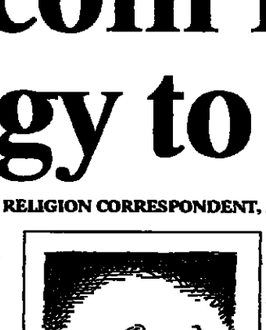
Yesterday, Dr Carey spoke with unusual passion as he described how he had been shamed by a controversy that had damaged the Church worldwide. "We cannot allow this to continue being a cancer in the body of Lincoln," he said. "The situation constitutes a scandal dishonouring the name of the Lord.

"There are many different

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Dean Brandon Jackson and Subdean Rex Davies

ROBIN MAYES



Dr Carey: "The situation constitutes a scandal"

Kidnapped chef rescued from Chinese gang in Yard swoop

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A CHINESE chef was freed yesterday after a 12-day kidnap ordeal during which he was threatened with having his arm chopped off unless a £40,000 ransom was paid.

Scotland Yard officers found 25-year-old Xiao Ming Cao handcuffed to radiators after raiding an address in north London. In co-ordinated arrests 10,000 miles apart, eight Chinese were detained in Britain and two in China as they went to collect a £12,000 payment.

Mr Xiao disappeared on June 23 and is said to have survived on a small bowl of rice every other day. He was threatened with mutiliation and was regularly beaten so his cries could be heard on the telephone by his 19-year-old wife, Che Ping Zhan, in China. Last night he was recovering in hospital.

Detective Superintendent Jeffrey Rees, of the Organised Crime Group, said 50 officers had worked round the clock over the past 11 days. Kidnapping was always unpleasant, he said, but "this was a particularly cruel example".

The Chinese couple have no influential contacts and police are mystified as to why Mr Xiao was kidnapped. His wife contacted friends in the Chinese community in London when the gang telephoned her and the Yard was alerted on June 24. Mandarin-speaking interpreters were on hand 24 hours a day and two British officers were sent to China to work with the local police.

The Yard managed to trace the kidnap house and set up an operation to free Mr Xiao. Mr Rees said the investigation had been difficult and dangerous. "We mounted a major and sophisticated operation."

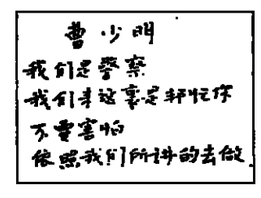
He said the kidnappers were "negotiated down" to £12,000, but emphasised that that was still a considerable sum of money in China.

Mr Xiao, who came to Britain in January 1995, speaks no English and police showed him a note, written in Chinese, saying: "Xiao Ming Cao we are the police. Don't worry. Do as we say."

Mr Rees said: "It was almost a state of disbelief, followed by enormous relief, particularly when he saw the note."

At one point Mr Xiao broke down and wept at the emotion of being freed. Nobody was injured in the operation, but Mr Rees declined to say whether armed officers were involved. Five men were detained at the London house; and police in Bicester, Oxfordshire, and Dudley, Staffordshire, made other raids. A total of eight Chinese men were held in Britain. Police also recovered a gun from the house where the victim was held.

Mr Rees, who said he had been shocked by the callousness of the kidnappers, paid tribute to his officers: "One mistake could have put the hostage's life at risk." He declined to say whether there was any Triad involvement, but said the kidnap was the work of "professional criminals".



XIAO MING CAO
WE ARE THE POLICE
DON'T WORRY
DO AS WE SAY
The police message to the victim

The Times is 'hottest site on the web'

THE Internet edition of *The Times* yesterday won the award for the "hottest and fastest web site" in the United Kingdom in recognition of its seven-days-a-week daily updated news service.

On the day that the edition passed the quarter-million mark for reader registrations, it received the Hot Off the Net trophy at the staging of the inaugural UK Web Awards sponsored by Yell, the Yellow Pages Guide to the Web (http://www.yell.co.uk), and *.net magazine*.

The Times Internet edition, which was launched on January 1, can be found on http://www.the-times.co.uk

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Royal divorce deal to be tabled today

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BARRING last-minute hitches, the Prince of Wales will today table his proposals for ending his marriage.

In a move that will conclude more than three months of waiting and frustration, his lawyers are expected to send a large number of documents to those representing the Princess of Wales. Two leading QCs have been instructed to negotiate the complex settlement offer being put to the Princess.

The QCs were brought in because of the far-reaching ramifications of the settlement, which is likely to be worth £20 million, including a £12 million lump sum. It will also allow the Princess to retain the title of Her Royal Highness.

Farrer & Co, the Prince of Wales's solicitors, have instructed Robert Seabrook, QC, former chairman of the Bar, who has a specialist matrimonial finance practice, and Florence Baron, QC. Both have been extensively involved in drafting documents covering every aspect of the settlement. Mishcon de Reya, solicitors for the Princess, have instructed Christopher McCall, QC, and Nicholas Mostyn.

The Prince's proposals, which are believed to have involved a huge team effort over weeks, comes in response to those put by the Princess more than three months ago. Last week signs of exasperation over the delay became evident in those close to the Princess. Her proposals, thought to involve a settlement of £30 million, were pitched high and she is unlikely to have expected to secure them.

☐ The Princess was guest of honour at a charity ball last night when Imran Khan, the former Pakistan cricket captain, took over London's Dorchester Hotel to raise money for his cancer hospital in Lahore (Alan Hamilton writes).

More than 500 guests filled the hotel in Park Lane for a function expected to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for the hospital, founded by Mr Khan, 43, in memory of his mother. The former cricketer was accompanied by his English-born wife, Jemina, and her parents, Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith.

During a visit to Pakistan in February, the Princess toured the hospital. Two months later it was a target for terrorist bombers. Six people were killed in the blast.

Henman and Sampras are knocked out

BY JOANNA BALE

HEAVY showers disrupted play at Wimbledon yesterday as Tim Henman, the great British hope, and Pete *Sampras, the defending* champion, were knocked out of the tournament.

In a nail-biting Centre Court match, Todd Martin, the No 13 seed, beat Henman 7-6, 7-6, 6-4. The match took nearly seven hours after being stopped by rain five times.

Sampras, the No 1 seed, was knocked out by Richard Krajicek 7-5, 7-6, 6-4. Goran Ivanisevic, the only other remaining seeded player, lost to Jason Stoltenberg.

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Major tells MPs to take 3%

John Major faced fierce criticism from Conservative MPs after he and the Cabinet opposed the recommendations of an independent body for immediate pay rises of £17,000 for ministers and £9,000 for MPs, urging them instead to take 3 per cent ..... Pages 2, 21, 33, 34

Blair unveils 'big idea of one nation'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

TOUGH action on youth crime, smaller classes in schools, shorter hospital waiting lists and jobs for 250,000 youngsters on benefit were pledged by Tony Blair yesterday as he unveiled his "revolutionary" contract between New Labour and Britain.

Launching his campaign for Downing Street some 10 months before the expected general election date, the Labour leader declared that his party's "big idea" was to create a genuinely one-nation society "in which we seek to realise the potential of all our people".

Setting out an early manifesto, *New Labour New Life for Britain*, containing the main policy aims drawn up by the party so far, Mr Blair announced five priority pledges that a Labour government would start implementing immediately on taking office. The manifesto also included a radical promise to cut the social security budget by creating more jobs and spending the money on education.

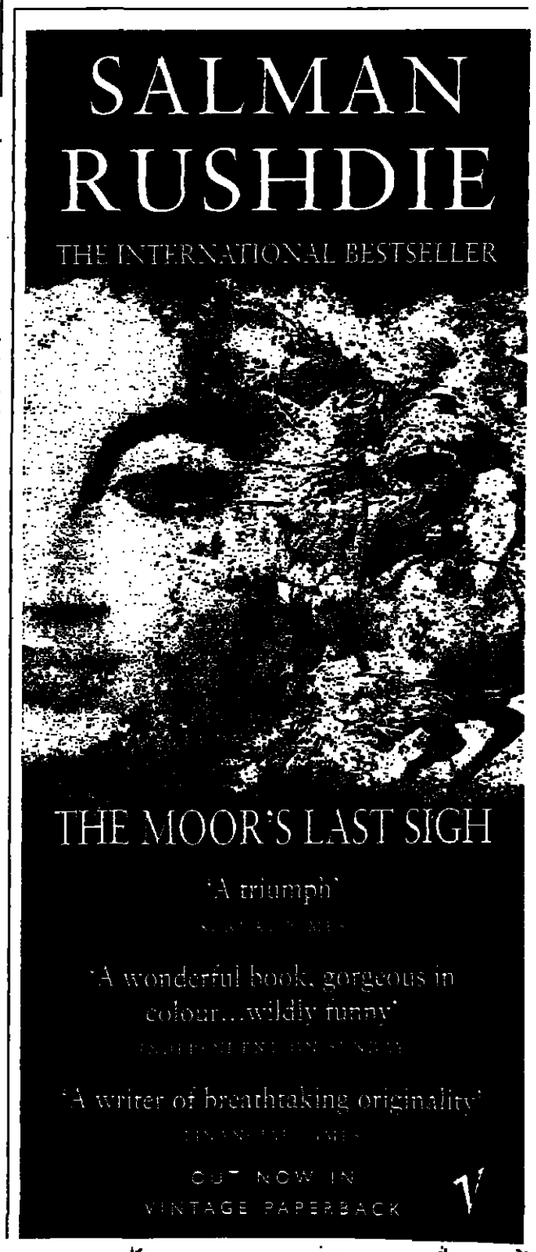
The document came under immediate attack from the Tories, who accused Labour of getting its sums wrong. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, claimed he had identified a major flaw in the plan to cut class sizes by shifting resources from the Government's assisted places scheme. Labour, in turn, accused Mr Clarke of "making a complete fool of himself" by failing to read the proposals properly.

Mr Blair declared that "yes, there has been a revolution inside the Labour Party — we have rejected the worst of our past and rediscovered the best". But, in a direct message to his own party doubters, he said: "If people believe this is not the direction the Labour Party should go in, now is the time to say. It is the time to choose as a party, it is the time to choose as a country."

Responding to criticism that he had changed the party too fast, and against the wishes of activists, Mr Blair said the principles underlying the document would be familiar to Labour leaders and activists of the past: Keir Hardie, Clement Attlee and Harold Wilson would all sign up to it. It was a "radical, ambitious and realisable" programme.

Millions of copies of the main manifesto points are to be sent to homes in marginal constituencies.

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Skinner's rallying call leaves colleagues speechless if not penniless

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

SELDOM has a silence spoken more eloquently in the chamber. It was Dennis Skinner who provoked (if we may put it thus) the silence. His was the first Question of the afternoon to John Major.

Mr Skinner has been an MP for as long as most of us can remember, but has only ever really asked one question: only really ever made one speech:

It's the same the whole world over,
Ain't it just a bleedin' shame?
It's the rich wot gets the pleasure,
And the poor which get the blame!

All Mr Skinner's utterances are a variation on this theme. And such was his Question to the Prime Minister yesterday. Would Mr Major confirm, he asked, that there was to be a new, increased minimum wage for MPs? And if it was good enough for MPs, then why not for everyone else in the country? Would this increased wage apply to nurses, manual workers, pensioners?

The sufferings of the downtrodden masses normally elicit sympathy from the Labour Party. Delivered with customary passion, Mr Skinner's little homily built up nicely to a rousing rant on a familiar and favourite theme. He could have expected a good cheer from his own side: he normally gets it.

Instead, silence. The Opposition front bench sat dumb, their faces like granite. Behind them the Labour back benches stared shiftily round, stuck for a response. Labour whips studied the carpet with impressive concentration. The silence gave ways to jeers — from the Tories — who jabbed mocking fingers towards the sea of impassivity surrounding Mr Skinner, a sort of massive, mute, "no comment".

The Prime Minister replied carefully. He was not sure Mr Skinner "carried everyone with him". The Opposition front bench, he said, had not been prepared to indicate their attitude to the proposals, but these would now be put to the whole House to vote upon.

So far so good. But what, we wondered, would the Government be recommending? What was *their* attitude? A host of hopeful little Tory faces looked up at Mr Major, still on his feet. "The Government will vote for restraint," he said.

Restraint? Now it was the Tories turn to be silent. A sudden thoughtfulness descended from the Conservative benches. Cheeks were sucked, fingernails examined, ties adjusted. The silence gave way to a sort of grunting, rootling, interested sound. An invisible "thinks" bubble hung above the back benches to both sides of Madam Speaker: *"If x is the total vote and p the Government's 'pay roll' vote and assuming there's a one-line whip on both sides and if a half of the Opposition vote (l) plus (say) three-quarters of the non-pay roll vote (n) on the Tory side is against restraint, then x minus p minus half l minus a quarter n is probably still greater than half x in which case . . . we get the dosh! . . . Or do we?"*

Nobody was sure. Tony Blair asked John Major about the slaughter of 190,000 cattle and the addition of £200 million to a sum of £2 billion, but few were really listening. MPs can do only one sum at a time. Another sum preoccupied them.

Tory MPs condemn Major over stand against big pay rise

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ANDREW PIERCE

TORY MPs last night lined up to condemn the Prime Minister for opposing recommendations of bumper pay rises for MPs and ministers, urging them instead to accept an increase of 3 per cent.

John Major and the Cabinet set their face firmly against immediate rises of £17,000 for ministers and £9,000 for MPs. He said they were "too high" and announced that next week the Government would be voting for restraint and suggesting a 3 per cent increase rather than the 26 per cent proposed by the independent Senior Salaries Review Body.

However, the Commons is to be given the opportunity to vote for the proposed package, which includes a increase of £84,000 to £143,000 in the salary of the Prime Minister after the general election.

Ministers, who will be required to toe the government line, were privately hoping last night that they would be defeated so that they would get the rises but not the blame. The odds at Westminster last night appeared to be that MPs would overturn the Government's call for restraint and vote for big increases.

The MPs, particularly those who are to retire at the election and will have their pension based on their final salary, were unhappy that the Prime Minister, having set up the body to look into their pay, was now setting his face against its findings.

They were doubly annoyed because it was the Prime Minister's decision to set up the Nolan committee on standards in public life that led to the clampdown on MPs' outside earnings, which in turn led to pressure for a look at the pay of ministers and MPs.

Edwina Currie, a former minister and MP for Derbyshire South, accused the Government of "cowardice" for rejecting the review body's recommendations. "MPs should be paid properly, and I do feel for ministers. I had an £8,000 overdraft when I left office as a minister," she said.

Sir Terence Higgins, a former Tory minister who led MPs' demands for an independent pay review, rejected Mr Major's call for 3 per cent. "The Government has called for restraint. But MPs and ministers have already exercised restraint. Over the last 30 years pay has gone up by 80 per cent, but MPs' pay has not gone up at all in real terms and ministers' pay has halved."

At a meeting of the 1922 committee of backbenchers last night, Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, was cheered when, referring to the planned clampdown on MPs' mileage allowance, said: "If this goes through I will be subsidising my parliamentary travel from my taxed income."



Currie: accused the Government of cowardice

An executive member of the 1922 committee said: "We despair at the timing of the issue just before an election. Once more the Prime Minister has set up a body and then ignored the findings, causing a huge row in the process, and which will inevitably damage us and not the Labour Party."

Another senior Tory MP, who is retiring at the election, said: "There will be serious recriminations over this. Former ministers with no prospects on the career ladder here simply will not stay. They will not be able to afford to."

Under Mr Major's plan, MPs' pay would go up from £34,085 to £35,108 on July 1. Under the review body's proposals they would go up to £43,000. Minsiters would get a double increase, the £9,000 received by all MPs in addition to another £8,000 as a result the review body's proposal that they should get their full pay as an MP on top of their minsiterial salary. At present they receive only £25,660 of their MP's salary.

The review body also recommends salaries of £103,000 a year for Cabinet ministers and the Speaker; £98,000 for the Leader of the Opposition; £74,125 for ministers of state and £66,623 for junior ministers.

A spokesman for Mr Blair said the Labour leader backed the Prime Minister's proposal for a 3 per cent increase across the board.

He added: "Mr Blair believes it would be entirely inappropriate to accept the recommendation of the review body."

DES JENSON



Genista McIntosh, who has been appointed chief executive of the Royal Opera House

Cool administrator prepares to tend troublesome Garden

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE Royal Opera House is to get its first female chief executive next July, it was announced yesterday.

Genista McIntosh 49, executive director of the Royal National Theatre and formerly with the Royal Shakespeare Company, has built a reputation as a brilliant administrator with a calm approach. She succeeds Sir Jeremy Isaacs who is to retire at 65. She will oversee the closure and redevelopment of the Covent Garden theatre. For two years the company will have a roving existence.

Unlike Sir Jeremy, Ms McIntosh will have no direct artistic control of the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet companies. Their directors, Nicholas Payne and Anthony Dowell, will report to her. Keith Cooper, the house's spokesman, said the board had wished to distinguish between artistic management and the huge job of running the organisation.

Ms McIntosh, who prefers to be called Jenny than Genista, is divorced, has two children, and is a Labour Party supporter.

☐ **Rodney Milnes**, *Times* chief opera critic and editor of *Opera*, writes: A shrewd and imaginative appointment. She has not worked in opera before — she will come free of the baggage of preconceptions; yet for all her working life she has been on the inside of the theatre world. She is an ace administrator — a much cooler character than Sir Jeremy.

I can vouch for her catholic tastes and her acute judgment of performance.

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Brittan says stop knocking EU court

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE Conservative Party was warned last night by the senior Briton on the European Commission to "stop knocking" the European Court of Justice because the United Kingdom benefited overwhelmingly from its decisions.

In an outspoken defence of the court, Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the Commission and a former Cabinet minister, told his fellow Tories that Britain's attacks on the Luxembourg judges amounted to "playing to the gallery" and seemed aimed at undermining the institution.

"Even in a pre-electoral season, it is overwhelmingly in Britain's interest to drop the knocking copy and get on with the serious task of negotiation . . . Voters are not so foolish as some politicians would have you believe," he said.

Sir Leon's speech to the Conservative Bow group in the House of Commons was a response to Britain's desire to curb the powers of the court and the growing pressure on John Major from colleagues to defy its rulings.

The Government is reported to be preparing to take the unprecedented step of ignoring a Court decision if, as widely expected, it upholds an EU order enforcing a maximum 48-hour working week in Britain. Next week, the Luxembourg judges are also due to rule on the first stage of Britain's challenge to the EU ban on its beef exports.

Mr Major told the Commons yesterday that he would agree to nothing at the intergovernmental conference reviewing the Maastricht Treaty unless Britain won greater protection for its opt-out from Brussels social policy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lords rule in favour of mothers

The House of Lords ruled yesterday that a young child's place is normally with its mother and not its father. In a judgment that appeared to break with the trend towards equal parental rights, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle said it was absurd to suggest that any recognition of a normal mother's natural ability to look after a young child amounted to sexual discrimination.

Dismissing a 22-year-old Scottish father's appeal over the custody of a four-year-old illegitimate girl, he said: "Nature has endowed men and women with very different attributes and it so happens that mothers are generally better fitted than fathers to provide for the needs of very young children. This is no more discriminatory than the fact that only women can give birth."

Clay Jones dies

Britain's gardeners mourned the broadcaster Clay Jones, 72, who died at his home near Chepstow on Wednesday after a heart operation last month. His reassuring Welsh voice and expert, down-to-earth advice were enjoyed by millions of listeners to BBC Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time*, with which he was associated for 17 years. He retired as chairman in 1993.

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Guard scrapped

Manpower cuts have forced the military to scrap the Queen's traditional guard of honour at the Royal Tournament. Unarmed sailors and Royal Marines, rather than a specially raised guard shouldering arms, will welcome her to Earls Court, London. It will be the first time a guard of honour has not greeted the Sovereign since the annual celebration started at the beginning of the century.

Drugs seized

A £30 million heroin haul has been found on a North Sea ferry. Customs officers found 115kg of the drug after a surveillance operation at Hull. The drugs were hidden in the roof of a Belgian-registered lorry carrying furniture from Zeebrugge. Two Bulgarian drivers, aged 51 and 42, were remanded in custody for a week by Hull magistrates yesterday charged with importing drugs.

Proms video link

A live video link will relay the Last Night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall on September 14 to an expected audience of 40,000 watching an 80 sq metres screen at Speaker's Corner, Hyde Park. The mile between the conductor Andrew Davis and the promenaders in the park will be bridged by a microwave link to ensure perfect time is kept with the singalong finale, says the BBC.

Bottomley intervenes

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mous private collector". Topping Mr Fogg's £3.8 million bid, which represents an expenditure of more than £4.1 million when buyers' premium and VAT are included, would have exceeded the amount Lord Rothschild was prepared to spend.

The effect of Mrs Bottomley's intervention, using a hitherto unexercised power under the Export of Goods (Control) Order 1992, is that the Limoges casket, set with crystals and copper engravings depicting Becket's life and death, will not be allowed to leave the country without an export licence being applied for.

The casket would normally not have required an export licence because it was brought back to Britain less than 50 years ago, returning in 1979 when it was purchased as an investment by the British Rail Pension Fund.

Recriminations for having failed to secure the casket before the auction were flying even before the sale got under way, with the British and Victoria & Albert Museums and the Heritage Fund and charities blaming each other for the failure to buy the piece of national history by private arrangement at lower prices sought before the auction.

Dr Alan Borg, director of the V&A, said after the sale that he thought it "very probable the piece is now going abroad".

Mrs Bottomley said yesterday: "I have intervened to ensure that no final decision to export can be taken without the opportunity for full reflection and consideration. Given the importance of the casket and the public interest in it, I believe it is entirely right to ensure we are in a position to pause and reflect, without prejudice, on how we might proceed if export is proposed."

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Clinton return to Ireland confirmed

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT CLINTON is to return to Dublin to breathe new life into the peace process a year after his historic visit last December.

Senior government sources in Dublin confirmed yesterday that Mr Clinton was likely to have talks in Dublin in December with John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, if he wins the US presidential elections in November.

Confirmation of the planned visit came as the IRA played down hopes of a renewed ceasefire. In a lengthy interview in the Sinn Fein newspaper, *Republican News*, an IRA spokesman accused Britain of abusing the opportunity for peace during the 18-month ceasefire. The spokesman said: "Does anyone really expect that the IRA would be prepared to allow the British Government to abuse such an opportunity again?"

Mr Clinton's visit would officially be as part of Ireland's six-month presidency of the European Union. Commentators are in no doubt, however, that the visit would focus on the peace process.

It is understood that Mr Clinton is keen to return to Ireland after his hugely successful visit in November and December last year when thousands of people turned out to see him in Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin. Senior sources in Washington said that Mr Clinton, who has spoken of how moved he was by his reception, looks back on last year's three-day visit as one of the highlights of his presidency.

Carey orders clergy to quit

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dimensions to the unhappiness and conflict in the cathedral, but the central problem is an irreconcilable personal conflict between the Dean and the Subdean. They are unfortunately locked into a relationship of mutual antipathy which will continue to damage cathedral life for as long as they both hold office there.

"The only people who cannow resolve the problem are these two men themselves. I have personally seen them and put it to them both that for the greater good of the cathedral and the wider Church they should leave.

"I am fully aware that both priests have been hurt and believe themselves to be wronged by past events. Nevertheless, the insuperable difficulties they have in reconciling their differences make it impossible for them in their present offices in the cathedral to fulfil the basic requirement that a priest be a wholesome example to his flock."

Dr Carey admitted that he had no power to dictate a solution or impose his will. "That is the frustration. Nevertheless, all clergy are under the authority of the Church. All clergy swear obedience to the Bishop and therefore the Archbishop. Therefore I hope that the moral authority will be such that both men will consider the position carefully for the good of the mission of the Church and put that mission before their own.

"The Subdean has said 'no'. My invitation remains on the table indefinitely and I want and invite him to reconsider."

But Canon Davis, who led a handful of worshippers in a subdued Evensong last night, said the public announcement had not swayed him: "I have given my considered reply and will now digest what the Archbishop has said publicly." He thought the Dean, who is on holiday in Yorkshire, agreed with him. "I had a cordial discussion with him last week and I think we share a common view on this."

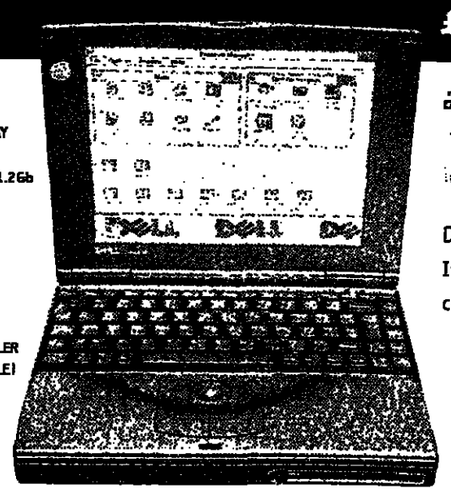
Dr Jackson and Canon Davis have been locked in conflict ever since the Dean was appointed on the advice of Margaret Thatcher to "sort things out" at Lincoln after Canon Davis led the loss-making exhibition of the cathedral's Magna Carta in Australia.

As the rift deepened, cathedral staff complained about the Dean's abrasive management style and passed a vote of no confidence in him. Then last summer he was accused at a consistory court of misconduct with the former verger Verity Freestone. He was cleared, but Miss Freestone is still pursuing her claims against him.

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Judge says killer who committed 'dreadful, terrible' crimes must never be released

Father jailed for life for murder of three babies

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FATHER was given three life sentences yesterday with a recommendation that he should never be released from prison after being convicted of suffocating his three young children.

Simon Smith, 27, was found guilty by a 10-2 majority verdict of murdering his 10-month-old daughter, Eleisha, in December 1989 and unanimously convicted of the murder of his six-month-old son Jamie in April 1993. Both deaths had been put down to sudden infant death syndrome. On Wednesday, the jury of ten women and two men at Stafford Crown Court also convicted Smith of the murder of his three-month-old daughter Lauren, in November 1994.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Mckinnon told Smith: "What dreadful, terrible, evil things you have done. It seems to me you are truly beyond the pale by anyone's standards. "I would be failing in my duty having given it full consideration if I didn't say that I recommend that in your case life should mean life."





Simon Smith with Lauren, his third victim after Jamie, left and Eleisha. Rachel Playfair, Lauren's mother, said yesterday: "He has destroyed my daughter but he has not destroyed me"

Speaking after the case, Lauren's mother, Rachel Playfair, told how she quickly suspected her boyfriend of the girl's murder. "A lot of it was gut reaction," she said. "I knew my daughter, I knew how I left her in the morning. It was like pieces of a jigsaw gradually slotting into place and it didn't add up. It was then that I started to realise that Lauren was not another tragic cot death."

During the two-week trial, the court was told that it was only after Smith, of Stone, Staffordshire, confessed to police that he had suffocated Lauren, apparently to stop her crying, that inquiries were reopened into the earlier deaths. In the minutes before each child died, Smith, who denied the murders, had spent time alone with them trying to stop them crying.

In an interview about Lauren's death Smith, an assistant in care homes for the elderly, told detectives: "I didn't mean to do it. She wouldn't stop crying and I was getting so angry with her and I didn't know what to do then I covered her mouth with my hand. I didn't want her to die. I wanted her to stop crying."

Eleisha, the first child killed, was Smith's second daughter by his then girlfriend Tracey Hall. The couple shared a house in Stafford, with the child, who was healthy and alert.

On the night of her death, Smith spent ten minutes alone with her after going to her room to stop her crying. The following morning Tracey went in to see the child and found her dead. The death was put down to sudden infant death syndrome.

The second child, Jamie, who was Ms Hall's third child by Smith, again died during the night. Ms Hall had been out late that night and Smith spent time with the child trying to stop her crying before he himself went to bed. The following morning he found Jamie dead and again a post-mortem examination concluded the cause was sudden infant death syndrome.

The following year he had Lauren, by another girlfriend, Ms Playfair, and the couple lived together in Stone. On the day Lauren died, Ms Playfair, a physiotherapist, spent the day at work leaving the child with Smith.

Throughout the day he grew increasingly angry with her crying and partially suffocated her against a car seat. The child was found dead on the sofa in their home that afternoon and Smith later admitted suffocating her as he tried to stop her crying.

Ms Playfair, said after the case: "I feel very relieved that justice has been done and I truly believe that my daughter Lauren was here to bring justice for Jamie and Eleisha. If Lauren had not died, we would never have known that those two babies were murdered. I feel very satisfied with the sentence.

"I hate him for betraying me and betraying my daughter. But although he has destroyed my daughter, he has not destroyed me and he is not going to destroy me. I think he is a very evil, selfish man.

"It is a very difficult thing to accept when somebody who you have trusted with something as precious as your daughter has betrayed you in that way. It makes you feel very vulnerable. I felt I had done everything possible to prevent what I thought was another cot death happening."

At the close of the case, Mr Justice Mckinnon praised the two Staffordshire police detectives in charge of the case, Detective Superintendent Alec Salt and Detective Chief Inspector David Buston, for the "considerable valuable hard work they have done".

Mr Salt said the case would be referred to Staffordshire's Area Child Protection Committee which would review the decisions taken after the three deaths. He said Ms Playfair's suspicions had been very important in solving the case.

Her father, Patrick, a schools' inspector, read out a letter he wrote to Smith shortly after the murder of Lauren. "To take an innocent and pure life is beyond our comprehension. Only you will know what possessed you to do this despicable and evil act but wherever we turn we feel betrayed.

"You accepted our loving welcome into our family but you deceived us into thinking you were a loving, protective and caring father to Lauren. You deceived Rachel and exploited our kindness, but above all you callously betrayed the trust that Lauren placed in you."

Mr Playfair added: "Then I said nothing can be said in mitigation for the actions he had taken on our granddaughter."

He paid tribute to his daughter. "Rachel and the family have moved on and Rachel in particular has shown great courage since it was her thoughts when Lauren had died that began the process which has ended here today."



Tracey Hall

Bully, 16, 'killed as victim defended himself'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SCHOOL bully who terrorised and beat up other students was stabbed to death in self-defence by one of his terrified victims, an Old Bailey judge was told yesterday.

Okera Clarke, 16, was killed by a knife wound to his shoulder in a fight with a 15-year-old boy outside Cardinal Wiseman Roman Catholic comprehensive school in Greenford, west London, on January 12.

The judge was told that the boy, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter and will be sentenced at the Old Bailey in three weeks, had been living in a state of fear after hearing his long-time tormentor was "coming to get him" that day.

Helena Kennedy, QC, for the boy, who cannot be named, said he was being held in a headlock and punched by Clarke, and being beaten over the back with a baseball bat by one of Clarke's friends, when he pulled out the kitchen knife and "lashed out".

Miss Kennedy told the judge that Clarke, from Acton, was a bully who had been investigated by police for offences of assault, grievous bodily harm and robbery. "In all the cases it ended with the witnesses refusing to give evidence because of their fear of Clarke.

"The history of this bully does not just relate to this defendant. Okera Clarke was somebody who terrorised many young people who were too scared to follow through with prosecution."

Miss Kennedy said the boy had taken two of his mother's kitchen knives to school on the day of the attack because "he had received a message that Clarke was coming after him and it was going to happen that day".

Clarke had started the fight. The boy had taken the knife from his pocket and stabbed him in the back of the shoulder. Clarke collapsed to the ground and died shortly after from a punctured lung and haemorrhaging. Miss Kennedy said: "He was not seeking to cause serious harm or kill. This boy was trying to defend himself."

Police find IRA gang's hideout

BY ROGER BOYES AND STEWART TENDLER

SCOTLAND Yard anti-terrorist detectives and German police said yesterday that there were three men and two women in the IRA gang behind last week's mortar-bomb attack on a British Army barracks in Osnabrück.

They have tracked down the safe house used by the terrorists to prepare the attack, which injured no one but caused considerable damage on June 28.

Yesterday police seized a second vehicle used by the bombers, which had been dumped at a motorway service station at Wildeshausen not far from the safe house, a holiday home in a village near Oldenburg, 70 miles from the scene of the attack.

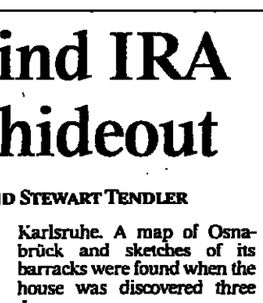
A number of the vehicles are thought to have been brought to Germany across the Continent after leaving Ireland by ferry from Cork.

The discovery of the hideout will be seen as a breakthrough, providing police with fresh intelligence. Scientific examination of the hideout and a search for fingerprints could produce vital clues.

No descriptions of the members of the Oldenburg cell were released by the German Federal Prosecutor's Office in Karlsruhe. A map of Osnabrück and sketches of its barracks were found when the house was discovered three days ago.

Villagers noted that the five visitors were using an unusually large number of vehicles. In particular a blue Ford Orion — spotted near the barracks half an hour before the attack last Friday — was seen in the village. It had Northern Ireland plates.

The police are working on the assumption that part of the team crossed the border into Holland within hours of the attack. The Ford Transit van used as a mortar launching pad, bearing false British plates, was supposed to be abandoned or blown up, and the getaway was made in a separate vehicle.



Boy tried to saw off woman's head

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SCHOOLBOY who tried to cut off a woman's head after watching a horror film was locked up for 12 years yesterday. Ian McPhail, 15, who was 14 at the time, told a jury he was affected by LSD and thought he was taking part in a scene from the science fiction film *The Predator*.

The boy used a 9in bread knife to saw through the throat of Margaret Dennison, 47, at her home near Lincoln Cathedral. Nottingham Crown Court was told he was obsessed with the film, in which victims are stripped of their flesh by an alien being.

The boy told the court the effect of the drugs was "like a scene from *The Predator*". "I saw all different colours. I did not intend to kill her. It was just a bad trip and I did not know what I was doing."

McPhail was convicted of attempted murder and robbery along with his girlfriend Kelly Marshall, 15, and her mother Carol Cunningham, 40. He was ordered to be detained for 12 years and Marshall for eight years. Cunningham was jailed for 15 years. Mr Justice Turner described the crime as "truly awful" and ordered that all three should be named.

Brian Escott-Cox, QC, for the prosecution, said that the three accused had moved next door to Miss Dennison who, they thought, had "loads of money". They hatched a scheme to rob her by throwing stones at her bungalow window late at night.

Police were called, but when they left, the mother, acting the part of a kindly neighbour, went round with a tray of tea and biscuits. She then let in the others, the telephone line was torn from the wall and Miss Dennison was tied up with the cable. The boy pounced on her and started sawing round her throat. His girlfriend, who had also taken drugs, stabbed Miss Dennison five times in the chest and she was left for dead while the family took her £300 savings.

The court ws told that McPhail and Marshall were both on the run from a children's home.

Giving evidence in a hoarse whisper because of permanent damage to throat, Miss Dennison said she lay terrified and helpless on her bed while the boy sawed her throat as his girlfriend urged: "Hurry up and get it over with." She crawled from the bed four hours later and raised the alarm.

Stone of Scone dubbed a pretender

BY MAGNUS LINKLATER

EVIDENCE that the Stone of Scone in Westminster Abbey is not the original has emerged from detailed research by an amateur historian in Stirling. He claims not only that the stone is far smaller than the original, but that tests carried out in the last century showed it to be an ordinary piece of Perthshire sandstone, rather than the polished rock which was said to have been brought to Scotland from the Holy Land, via Ireland.

Archie McKerracher, who has written extensively about early Scottish history, has published his findings in the *Scots Magazine*. They make fascinating reading in the light of this week's announcement that the stone, on which the early Scottish kings were crowned, is to be returned to Scotland.

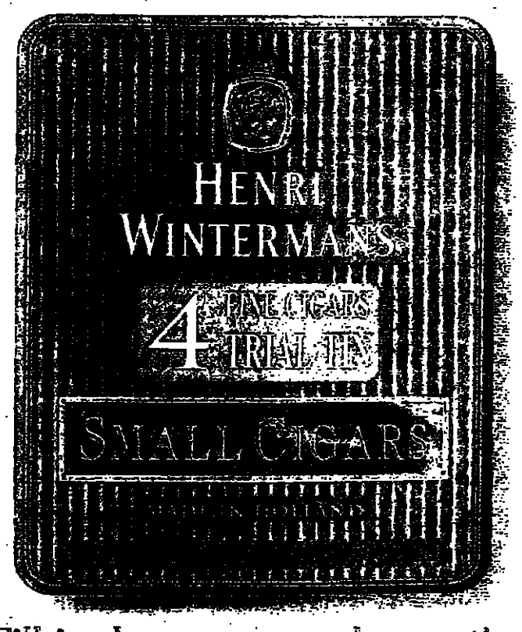
Mr McKerracher has discovered that early seals of the Scottish kings show them sitting on an altar-like block, with a hollowed out seat, far larger than the Westminster stone; that tests carried out on the stone by the 19th century Historiographer Royal showed that it was of local Perthshire origin rather than from Ireland or the Middle East; and that evidence that it was not the original Stone of Destiny, as it is also known, was suppressed lest it suggest that Queen Victoria had not been rightfully crowned.

There has been controversy about the stone almost from the moment it was seized by a vengeful Edward I in 1296 and taken to London. Abbot Henry of Scone Abbey is said to have had at least six weeks' warning that Edward was on his way — enough time to have substituted a piece of local stone. Edward himself is said to have realised he had been duped and returned to Scone in a vain attempt to find the original.

Early descriptions of the stone, which legend claimed was Jacob's Pillow, taken to Ireland as a holy symbol and presented to St Columba on Iona in the 6th century, describe it as plain, black, and marble-like.

Mr McKerracher has subjected the seals of the early Scottish kings depicting the stone to detailed examination. Alexander I and William the Lion in the 12th century, and Alexander III who died ten years before Edward's invasion, are all shown either seated on a stone or on a throne with the stone beneath it. All the seals portray something large enough for a man to sit on comfortably with his feet resting on the ground. The Westminster stone would be far too small for that.

It's true: the best things do come in small packages.

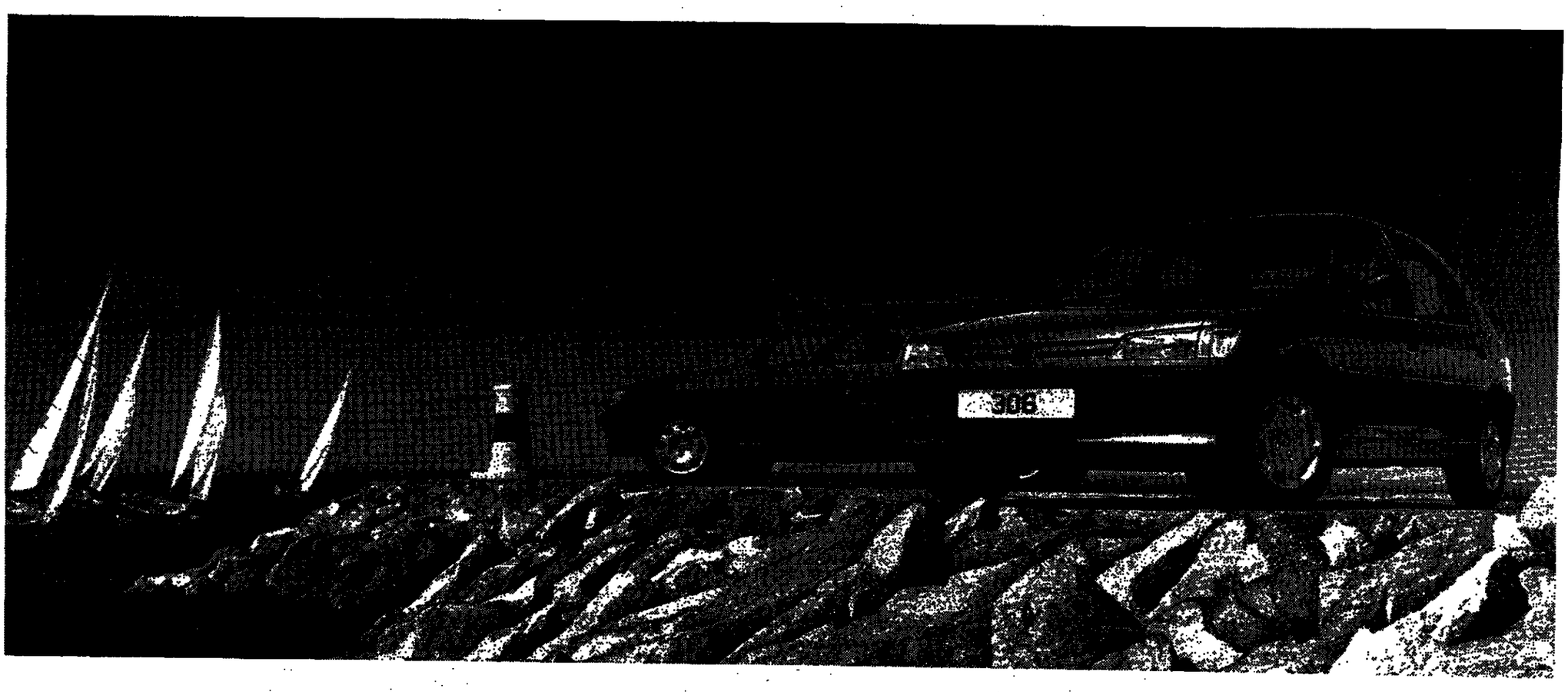


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Heritage Secretary urged to establish new system to prevent national treasures going overseas

Casket saviours' effort was too little, too late

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MUSEUMS and heritage institutions fumbled the opportunity to secure a unique historical piece, the St Thomas à Becket chasse, because of delays and indecision.

The unprecedented intervention by the National Heritage Secretary, Virgina Bottomley, is an attempt to retrieve the situation. The private buyer who acquired the casket for £4.18 million yesterday will need an export licence.

For the past 15 years the casket, bought by the British Rail Pension Fund in 1979, had been on loan to the British Museum, where it formed the centrepiece of a Limoges display. Under the terms of the loan, the museum had first option to purchase if the piece were to be offered for sale.

In December 1994 the pension fund indicated its intention to sell, and gave the museum a year to raise the asking price, estimated to have been £1.8 million.

The British Museum applied to the National Heritage Lottery Fund and was offered a grant, but decided at the end of 1995 that it had no hope of raising the 25 per cent of the price which the lottery fund would demand as a condition of contributing the other 75 per cent. An offer substantially below the asking price was made and refused.

Early this year the pension fund decided that the piece should be be offered at auction. The Victoria and Albert Museum now entertained hopes of saving the casket, but little was done until the auction arrangements were well under way.



Rothschild: fund made "very aggressive" bid



Borg: had hoped to buy casket before auction

Only last month did heritage groups step up their belated attempts to raise the necessary funds. The V&A asked Sotheby's what offer the auctioneers would be prepared to put before their client, and were advised that £2.2 million might be sufficient.

"That offer was never put to the vendors," Dr Alan Borg, director of the V&A, said yesterday, "because while the offer was open we never had the £2.2 million."

As late as last Friday it was being said that the casket might be saved if £2.2 million could be raised, but the vendor said yesterday that the publicity had made a private sale highly unlikely by then.

It was at this stage that Lord Rothschild, chairman of the National Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund, decided that the latter should try to redeem the situation.

The memorial fund is a fund of last resort, and unlike the lottery fund does not require those assisted to raise 25 per cent of the price. The memorial fund is also able to bid itself as principal.

In the last moments before the sale, the memorial fund decided it was willing to devote up to £4 million, half its annual purchasing allowance, to the Becket chasse. Lord Rothschild said yesterday: "At that figure I thought we would get it. In the context of the expert valuations we had, that was a very aggressive bid."

The memorial fund was the underbidder, at £3.6 million, when the casket was knocked down for £3.8 million (£4.18 million including buyer's premium and VAT) to Sam Fogg, an antiquarian-book dealer. He is a close friend of the Canadian David Thomson, son of Lord Thomson of Fleet. Mr Thomson is a collector of medieval antiquities.

Kathryn Long, director of Railpen Investments, the investment arm of British Rail Pension Fund, said yesterday: "We gave the British Museum and the V&A ample time to raise the money to make their bids.

"By the time the auction brochures had been prepared and viewing had begun, it was too late to entertain a sale by private arrangement unless the sum involved was quite fantastic."

David Barrie, director of the National Art Collections Fund said: "It is maddening that our museums and heritage institutions could not get their act together to act decisively to save a treasure like this before it reached the auction room."

Sir Hugh Leggatt, a former member of the Museums and Galleries Commission and a heritage campaigner, said: "This sale should be a watershed. As well as intervening to stop the casket leaving Britain, Mrs Bottomley should set up a committee to determine what our new system should be. When a national treasure, is up for sale, the sky should be the limit."

Lord Rothschild defended his decision to make money from the memorial fund available only at the last moment. "Only in the most exceptional circumstances, when something of vital national importance is at stake, can the memorial fund intervene. We did so in this case, but sadly were not successful."

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The 12th century casket was knocked down for £4.18 million to a private dealer who would not name his client

Georgian tables go back to Chiswick

BY DIANA THORP

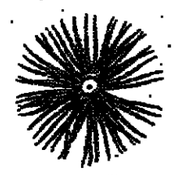
THE Chiswick tables are to be returned to the English Palladian house for which they were designed in 1730 after they were saved for the nation at auction.

The tables, with jewelled marble tops supported by golden sea nymphs, Venus shells and garlands of Jupiter's sacred oak, were bought at a Christie's auction on Wednesday night by the dealers H. Blairman & Sons for £839,887.

English Heritage, with the help of the Lottery Fund, the National Art Collections Fund, the London Historic House Museums Trust and the Chiswick House Friends, yesterday bought the pair of tables from Blairman and declared it would return them to Chiswick House.

The side tables were commissioned by Richard Boyle, 3rd Earl of Burlington, for the Roman villa and acquired by the 3rd Marquess of Bute, who rented the house until 1891. The Bute collection sale continues on Monday.

A previously unknown Antonio Canova statue, found in an English garden, remained unsold last night after failing to reach its reserve price in a sale at Sotheby's. The life-size male Cupid is still in the hands of David Lazarus, who discovered it, after the price reached only £950,000. Mr Lazarus is believed to have bought the 18th-century work for only £2,000.



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Pilots put Monday strike deadline on improved BA offer

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS pilots said last night that unless the airline makes an improved pay offer by Monday, they will press ahead with a strike that will coincide with the peak holiday season. Both sides in the dispute yesterday accused the other of being unwilling to negotiate.

BA has offered a further 9 per cent on the basic pay of low-paid pilots at Gatwick airport, on top of a 3.6 per cent increase agreed by other unions in the airline. The pilots say it is not enough because they will have to fly longer hours to pay for it.

A senior Boeing 747-400 captain with more than 20 years' experience will receive a basic salary of £75,234 a year, plus £35,420 in "flying hours" and other allowances. BA flight crew — pilots, co-pilots and engineers — earn an average £50,000 a year. According to the British Air Line Pilots Association (Balpa), however, there are more than 200 flight crew at the fast-expanding Gatwick who receive only £18,000 to £19,000.

Hours worked and flown by BA pilots depend on which routes they fly. The pilot of a Boeing 747-400 on longhaul flights from Heathrow works an average duty of 833 hours a year, of which 670 hours are flying. A pilot of the same seniority but on shorthaul routes from Heathrow works an average of 953 duty hours of which 450 to 500 are in the air. Shorter routes require longer hours for the preparation, planning and checks which must be completed before a flight.

Chris Darke, Balpa general secretary, said last night: "If there is no movement from BA by Monday, I now honestly believe that this will come to a strike. We did not want it to happen and still believe a deal could be worked out. But the company has not asked us to talk formally and have not made a realistic new offer. This is essential if a settlement is to be reached and a strike avoided."

No date has been set for a walk-out by the 3,000 BA pilots and flight engineers in the union, but the last week in July is considered the most likely time. BA lawyers are meanwhile studying details of the planned action to see if a legal challenge can be made to prevent it from taking place.

As pilots held a mass meeting at Gatwick last night, a spokesman for BA said: "All the offers remain on the table. We want a negotiated settlement of this dispute and hope that the pilots will spell out in detail what they claim to be the problems so that we can sit down with them and reach an agreement"

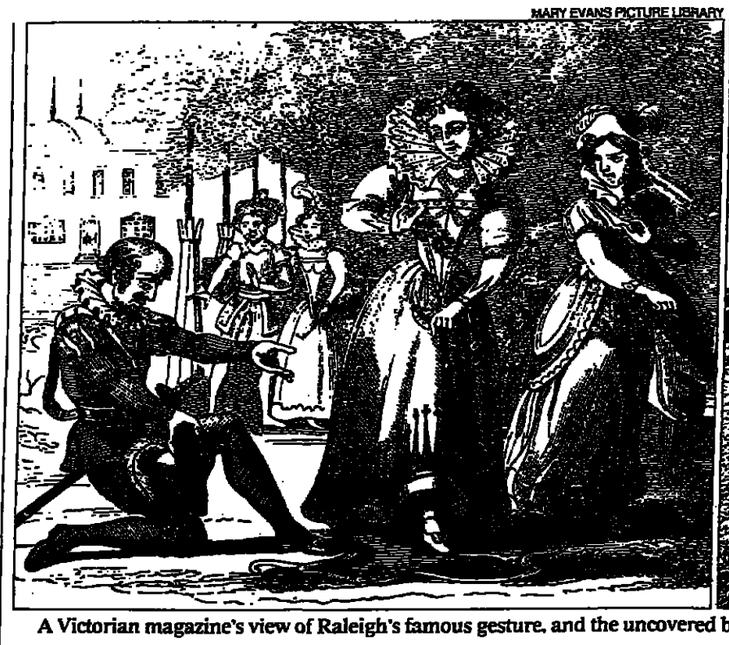
The union fears that the airline, which is the most profitable in the world, eventually plans to phase out high salaries completely and force the next generation of pilots to accept a standard of living far below that now enjoyed by their seniors.

They are also angry at what they regard as an inferior pension deal for the lower paid pilots who, like all BA employees, must retire at 55.

If the strike goes ahead, thousands of holidaymakers and business travellers will be seriously affected. Worst affected would be people taking long haul package holidays involving BA scheduled flights.

Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, said that he was baffled by the pilots' actions. "We have listened to their worries and we have now offered additional payments to those at Gatwick. We believe that what we have now offered is by any standard a reasonable offer. Our pilots are the best paid in Britain and I am glad for them."

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TONY WHITE



A Victorian magazine's view of Raleigh's famous gesture, and the uncovered baseplate of the Tudor jetty in front of the Royal Naval College

Thames yields site of Raleigh's spread cloak

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working on the foreshore at Greenwich believe they have found the spot where Sir Walter Raleigh laid his cloak in the mud to keep Elizabeth I's feet dry.

The remains of a timber jetty, uncovered on Monday, once enabled visitors to the Tudor palace at Greenwich to alight from boats. At low tide, they would have had to cross several yards of mud — an ideal spot, says Gus Milne of the Institute of Archaeology at University College London, for Raleigh's chivalrous gesture.

Today nothing remains of Greenwich Palace, once the favourite haunt of Henry VIII. Built in 1426, the it was perfectly placed for him to watch his naval vessels being built at Deptford. His daughters Mary I and Elizabeth I were born there. Elizabeth made the palace her main summer residence.

Access was chiefly by river. Mr Milne says, aboard wherries — half-decked boats — which used the Thames as London's main thoroughfare. Everybody who was anybody must have used the jetty, from Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh to Samuel Pepys. But the Parliamentarians under Cromwell stripped the palace of its treasures and turned it into a biscuit factory.

After the restoration, the palace was never rebuilt, but the Royal Naval Hospital (later the Naval College) was built on the site. Mr Milne and a group of students found the traces of the jetty — the last fragments of the palace — as they began a major survey of 60 miles of the Thames foreshore, funded by English Heritage and the Environment Agency.

"The Thames foreshore is London's largest and most neglected archaeological site," Mr Milne said. "It contains traces of the city's history from prehistoric times, and it has never been properly explored."

The purpose of the three-year survey is not to excavate but to record what is visible, and to assess whether erosion is altering the banks of the Thames. The oak timbers that make up the structure of the jetty were invisible five years ago, so it appears that the river is slowly uncovering its past.

What can be seen at Greenwich at low tide are a series of oak posts driven into the silt, together with the horizontal beams that made up the baseplate of the jetty. They disappear into the rising banks directly in front of the Naval College, suggesting there is probably a large amount of the jetty still uncovered and in good condition.

"In Tudor times, there were 2,000 river taxis, the wherries that carried people up and down the Thames," he says. "They tied up here, and then people had to stagger up the mud to reach the jetty. What more likely place is there for Raleigh to have laid his cloak down to help his Queen?"

Burden of beauty blamed for moods

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BEAUTIFUL women who try to deny their good looks put themselves at risk of mental breakdown, a psychologist said yesterday. Fear of being seen as vain drives many good looking women to exaggerate their less attractive features, which can trigger depression.

They should stop feeling guilty and enjoy the attention they receive, said Liz Frost, a lecturer at the University of the West of England. If women were encouraged to celebrate their appearance rather than run themselves down it could contribute to a healthier nation.

"We live in a very puritanical society and vanity is seen as sinful. Women who admire themselves are seen as egotistical and the consequence is we have a whole generation of teenagers who say they hate their bodies.

"There is no language for them to say they feel good about themselves and that is not good for their mental health.

"Look at the supermodels. When they are interviewed they play their beauty down and talk about the parts of their body they don't like. It's an unhealthy attitude and leads to body hatred, which is the basis of anorexia and similar conditions such as self-mutilation."

Speaking to a conference on the psychology of women in Bristol, organised by the British Psychological Society, she said children from an early age were told to stop looking in the mirror, with warnings from fairy stories such as Snow White, where the wickedness of the queen is conveyed through her vanity.

As women approach middle age, those who try to make the best of it are frowned upon, she said, especially if they turn to cosmetic surgery. "Cher and Joan Collins are accused of trying to hold back the years and somehow that's wrong. Why shouldn't women make the best of themselves? What's the difference between plastic surgery and making improvements to your house?"

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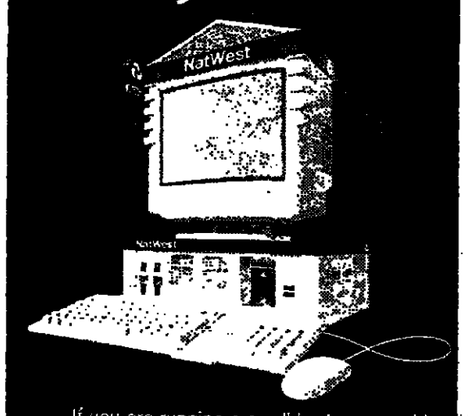
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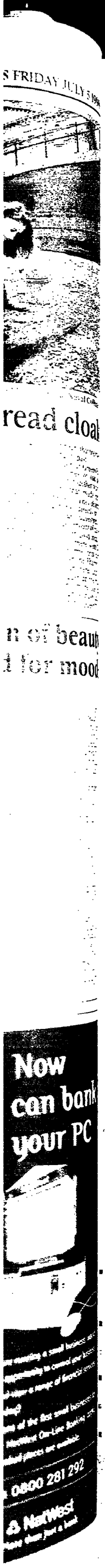
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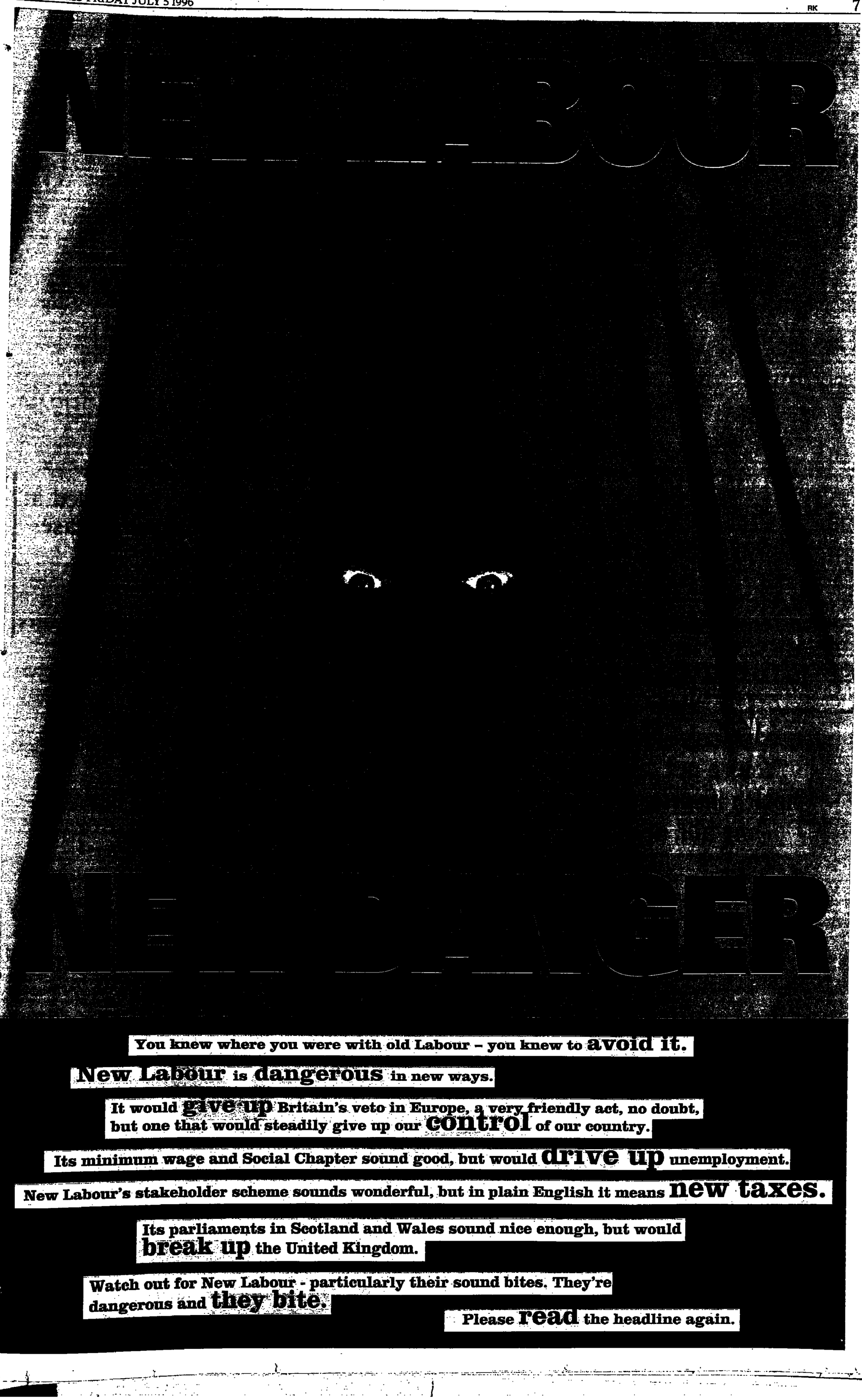
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'Vegetative state' patients were wrongly diagnosed

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

SOME patients thought to be in a persistent vegetative state, the waking coma associated with profound brain damage, are being wrongly diagnosed, specialists said yesterday. They have discovered that many victims are capable of communicating.

The finding by researchers from the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability in Putney, southwest London, that up to 40 per cent of such patients are aware of their surroundings is certain to fuel the controversy over their treatment.

At least eight have been allowed to die in Britain after the landmark ruling by the House of Lords in 1992 that doctors could remove the feeding tube from Tony Bland, the Hillsborough victim who had been in a vegetative state since the stadium disaster in 1989.

A study of 40 patients referred to the hospital, Britain's only expert unit on vegetative state, published in the *British Medical Journal*, has found that 17 were wrongly diagnosed. Up to three quarters showed some improvement with therapy.

Specialists at the hospital believe that the wrongly diagnosed patients have functioning minds imprisoned in bodies so severely disabled that their efforts to communicate are not being recognised.

Dr Keith Andrews, medical director of the hospital, said: "Just to be lying there with everyone assuming you are unaware of what is going on must be very disturbing."

Between 1,000 and 1,500 patients in the country are thought to be in a vegetative state — a condition in which people are awake and have their eyes open but show only reflex responses to noises or other stimuli. All can breathe unassisted — they are not on ventilators — but they cannot eat and are fed through a tube.

A vegetative state is said to be persistent after three months and permanent after a year, when the chances of recovery are low. All patients in the study had been diagnosed as being in the state for at least six months and three for more than four years. Dr Andrews said the findings indicated that some patients had been misdiagnosed.

One of the mistaken diagnoses had been made by three of the most eminent experts on the condition in the country, he said. "That demonstrates how difficult the diagnosis is." Evidence of awareness was gained, sometimes shortly after admission to the Putney hospital, by getting patients to respond to questions by pressing a buzzer or by moving their eyes. Eight of the patients were able to spell out letters and write simple messages.

All 17 misdiagnosed patients in the study were severely paralysed, fed through a tube and blind or almost blind. Doctors frequently fail to realise that the patients are blind when observing whether they can follow a moving object with their eyes — a test of vegetative state. Dr Andrews said: "That is probably one of the most important findings that we must alert doctors to."

In an editorial in the *BMJ*, Dr Ronald Cranford, a neurologist at Hennepin County Medical Centre, Minneapolis, says the quality of life of the misdiagnosed patients is questionable. "I would speculate that most people would find this condition far more horrifying than the vegetative state itself, and some might think it an even stronger reason for stopping treatment than complete unconsciousness."

Dr Andrews dismissed that view. "This is a case of an able-bodied person making a judgment of what it is like to be in that condition. Human beings are survivors. Quality of life is something I have, not something you tell me I have.

"Some patients are distressed and I would not blame them. Some, sometimes after several years, seem to have come to terms with their condition. They go through a bereavement process about being disabled and it's our job to help them through that. We have got to give patients an opportunity to live before we give them an opportunity to die." Dr Andrews did not rule out allowing patients genuinely in a vegetative state to die. "If there is no improvement after a rehabilitation programme there may well be an argument for tube feeding to be withdrawn."

CHRIS HARRIS



Ian Doughty with his mother Gillian. Doctors said that he would never communicate

Buzzer unlocks mind trapped in useless body

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

IAN DOUGHTY was driving home when his van was hit from behind by an articulated lorry and carried 500 yards up the carriageway. The carpenter, then aged 22, was given a 5 per cent chance of recovery. He was on a ventilator for four weeks and in a coma for almost a year.

When he "awoke" he showed no response and doctors held out little hope of improvement. "They told us he would never get better," his father Arthur said. The patient was transferred to the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability, in Putney, where 14 months after the accident nurses had the first sign that there was a living mind inside his shattered body.

"We went for our normal weekend visit and the nurses were ecstatic. They had tried different things — lights, tapes of noises like banging hammers and saws — but now they had got him to respond by pressing a buzzer," Mr Doughty said.

Ian had been diagnosed with persistent vegetative state, so they had not thought they could get him to respond. "It shocked the lot of them," Mr Doughty said. He and his wife Gillian are extending their house in Claybrooke Magna, Leicestershire, so that their son, now 26, will be able to return. Ian is blind, paralysed, cannot breathe unaided and is fed by tube. His father said: "He is locked in a body he can't control but his mind is there. He remembers all his friends and family and he can do mental arithmetic. We asked him if he wanted his picture taken by *The Times* and he agreed. It is one buzz for yes, two for no and four for swearing. He has a sense of humour. If you ask him would he like a big buxom blonde, he'll give a big long buzz."

> He responds with one buzz for yes, two for no and four for swearing

Mr Doughty, a father of six, said the family had always believed that Ian was aware, despite the doctors' advice. "I have got no anger about it. But we knew in our own minds there was always something there."

He never questioned Ian about whether he wanted to live. "He is happy enough and he shows it when he's not. We know we made the right decision but perhaps we are afraid of the answer."

How lead pollution damages intelligence

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE strike on the Underground this week ensured heavy traffic jams in London. The atmosphere at any busy road junction must have been heavy with lead, but so far as the drivers were concerned, any increase in blood lead levels would have been too little to cause the characteristic signs and symptoms of lead poisoning — abdominal pain, loss of appetite, constipation, headaches and unexplained personality changes, including aggression. The effect of constant exposure to a lead polluted atmosphere is however, different in young children.

High atmospheric lead levels in children, who are sensitive to lead, may not cause classic signs of lead poisoning, which in this age group can be acute with severe abdominal pain, vomiting and even encephalitis and fits, but they may be high enough to cause appreciable mental retardation.

The immature central nervous system in a child is vulnerable to raised blood-lead levels.

A question unanswered by previous research has been whether intelligence in a child which has been damaged by lead will recover once it has been removed from the polluted environment.

A long-term study in Australia which has measured the IQ of 375 children born in a lead-smelting town has related their IQ to their blood level and likely exposure to lead. The intelligence of small children was adversely affected by exposure to lead whether in infancy or before birth. The higher the blood level of lead, the more likely it was for the young child to have a lower IQ; the IQ is inversely proportional to exposure to lead in early life.

The *British Medical Journal* has recently reported the next stage of the survey, which studied the effect of exposure to lead in infancy on the person's intelligence between the ages of 11 and 13.

The news is bleak for those who had high blood levels of lead when small, whether the lead pollution was caused by a smelting plant or life by a busy road. The evidence detailed in the *BMJ* shows that once the intellect has been damaged by lead fumes, the resulting loss continues into later childhood, and it is to be assumed will still be apparent in adult life.

Analysis of the results into the influence of lead on IQ is difficult as the statistics may be affected by other factors. The research team had to make certain that a person whose IQ was low had not simply sought cheap housing in a polluted area, in which case the IQ of their children might have been related to genetic characteristics rather than the environment. Even when every allowance was made for factors that might have biased the results, it remained evident that any damage done to the intellect by high blood levels from atmospheric pollution in early life persisted into the secondary school years.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Tainted water suspected in teenage leukaemia cases

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH experts investigating a cluster of leukaemia cases in Cornwall have asked for Government help to find if water pollution is the cause. The researchers were called in after three teenagers at one school in Camelford were diagnosed as having the disease.

Yesterday the team announced a plan of action. A priority is to ask the Department of Health if chemicals involved in a pollution incident in July 1988 were carcinogenic. Water supplies to 20,000 people in the Camelford area of Cornwall were affected after 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate were accidentally dumped into the wrong tank at a water treatment works.

Dr David Miles, director of public health for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority in St Austell, said he wanted the department to see if chemicals dumped in the drinking water had been reviewed. "We do not think they were carcinogenic but we want that confirmed in the light of any new research," he said.

Three teenagers, all from Camelford and in the same tutor group at Sir James Smith's secondary school were found to have leukaemia. Gavin Shiers, 14, died from the disease in January. Eloise Lessels, 13, and Darren Milner, 14, are receiving treatment and making progress.

The investigation has also asked scientists at Bristol University to measure electromagnetic fields produced by electrical equipment and power lines at the school during the summer. The investigation will also examine medical records of people living in the area at the time of the pollution incident.

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Dixons There's a great deal going on

Lincoln Cathedral turmoil blamed on 'currents of conflict and hatred swirling around for centuries'

Law kept clerics safe from the sack

FROM the earliest days of the Church in England, it has been impossible to sack troublesome clergy (Ruth Gledhill writes). For many centuries, martyrdom was the fate of those who upset the established order.

From the Middle Ages, the difficulty facing the authorities has been the parson's freehold, the "job for life" that developed in feudal Britain.

The freehold was necessary to protect vulnerable clergy, who often made themselves unpopular by standing up for the poor and oppressed against the whims of lords of the manor, the Crown and the barons, who could hire and fire them at will.

Before the Reformation, the freehold was settled law and almost the only way to get rid of an incumbent clergyman was to make a martyr of him.

In more modern times clergy have been framed for crimes they have not committed. In 1921, Archdeacon John Wakeford, Lincoln Cathedral precentor, was accused falsely of sleeping with a girl in a hotel. He was found guilty by a consistory court, lost his appeal and died bankrupt in a madhouse.

In recent years, the freehold in the Church of England has been diluted by legislation and now means a job until the age of 70. But it is still impossible for a bishop to sack a cathedral dean, provost, canon, rector or vicar unless convicted by a church court of "conduct unbecoming a clerk in Holy Orders", or by a secular court of a criminal offence.

Vicars and rectors can also be sacked, or be deprived of their living, if a tribunal proves there has been "a breakdown in pastoral relations" in their parish. But this 1977 legislation does not include cathedral clergy because it was never envisaged that such a breakdown could occur at a cathedral.

When a cleric is appointed to a freehold, he or she takes an oath of canonical obedience, promising to obey the bishop "in all things lawful and honest". Both the dean and sub-dean of Lincoln are working within the letter of the law, because they are doing all they must under Lincoln's cathedral statutes.

A spiritual war waged with worldly weapons

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE decision by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, to call for the resignation of two senior clergy is the latest twist in a tale that has lasted eight years.

But with both clergymen defiant, the saga is unlikely to end here. Dr Brandon Jackson, 63, who is married with three children, believes he is under siege from evil spiritual forces and is confident that he has God on his side. He has been at loggerheads with his colleagues since his appointment in 1989.

He arrived the year after the cathedral's priceless Magna Carta was sent to Australia on a fundraising exhibition at World Expo 88 in Brisbane. The exhibition was organised by the sub-dean, Canon Rex Davis, who accompanied the Magna Carta to Australia with members of his family. The venture ended in a loss to the cathedral of £56,000. The Australian Government wrote off a further £579,000 debt. Word of this reached Downing Street and when the Very Rev Oliver Fiennes retired as dean, the Queen appointed Dr Jackson in his place on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

> "There will be blood on the carpet at Lincoln before Dr Jackson is finished"

Mrs Thatcher is reported to have said privately: "I don't know the man, but I know of him. There will be blood on the carpet at Lincoln before he's finished." Her words were prophetic.

Dr Jackson arrived from his former job as Provost of Bradford Cathedral, where his changes to its traditionalist choir among other things made him both friends and enemies. He arrived with a reputation as a troubleshooter, a brief to sort out Lincoln and a conviction that God was on his side.

Trouble soon came. He objected to a life-size, golden statue of a naked man, and it was then moved to a spot where he prayed before a service. Every time he raised his eyes to heaven, he found himself gazing into the man's genitals. Clergy placed a surplice over the offending work.

Shortly afterwards, a controversial article about the Magna Carta exhibition appeared in the *Church Times*, leaked by Dr Jackson, and battle commenced in public.

The Bishop, the Right Rev Robert Hardy, carried out a "visitation" or inquiry and admonished Canon Davis and three other canons. He also criticised Dr Jackson, who promptly called in the police to investigate the Magna Carta fiasco. While police worked on the case, the dean, in a leaked memo to Canon Davis, said: "Let's face it, we have both found a match for one another; you are not going to give way to me and I am no pushover for you."

The police decided to take no action, and Bishop Hardy sent Dr Jackson and the four canons to group therapy sessions in the hope that they would become reconciled. The counsellors, headed by Brian Thorne of East Anglia University, eventually relinquished their impossible task, stating in their report that "massive unconscious forces" were at work and that the opposing parties were in mental and physical danger. Canon Davis's daughter, who had been seriously ill, died of skin cancer. Two of the canons, Archdeacon Christopher Laurence and Canon John Nurser, chancellor, have retired. But the war of attrition has continued.

Dr Jackson believes that one of the canons, Andrew Stokes, formerly Bishop Hardy's personal assistant, conspired to instigate the court case against him that resulted in his acquittal on charges of sexual misconduct. A former verger, Verity Freestone, 33, claimed at a consistory court trial in Lincoln last July that in 1993 the dean had twice attempted to have sexual intercourse with her. She claimed the dean had told her she had "come-to-bed eyes".

Miss Freestone announced after the dean's acquittal that she could no longer consider herself a Christian, saying she no longer believed in a God that had made her life so difficult.

Meanwhile, Dr Jackson accused Bishop Hardy of being part of a "conspiracy" to force him from office. In November, as the row simmered on, Bishop Hardy threatened to resign himself if a solution could not be found.

Last December, cathedral staff complained that it had become a "place of ridicule" and called for the dean's resignation. Nearly 30 staff signed a statement which said: "Many of us are unhappy, frustrated and actually sickened by the whole situation." The Archbishop of Canterbury was called in to help, and sent his appointments secretary, Hector McLean, to Lincoln to investigate.

The repeated conflicts embarrassed the local populace. The mayor begged the clergy to make up at Christmas. This they failed to do.

Dr Jackson said last year that a monk had told him his troubles stemmed from "currents of conflict and hatred swirling around the cathedral for centuries". The monk told him he had disturbed them, and as a result had a court case flung at him.

Miss Freestone, who already has an industrial tribunal waiting to examine her claim of sexual harassment against the dean, has now started civil proceedings for damages over her allegations that she was indecently assaulted by him. The dean is contesting her claim of "trespass against the person".

The dean has been subjected to a campaign of hate mail and anonymous attacks. In February, senior diocesan clergy, fearing that Dr Carey was sitting on the report, Mr McLean had made to him, met again and called on him to take decisive action to resolve the long-running crisis.

Lincoln's troubles are apparently ceaseless. Earlier this year, an attempt was made to sabotage voice trials for the newly formed girls' choir. The *Church Times* reported that a stack of promotion leaflets was spirited away, and replaced by a pile of subtly altered replicas.



Verity Freestone: Shy, unmarried and living near the cathedral at Lincoln, her appointment as verger at the cathedral was at first her dream job. Things turned sour, ending with accusations by her against the Dean of sexual misconduct. He was cleared. Formerly a care assistant, she has renounced Christianity and is working again at a nursing home in Lincoln.

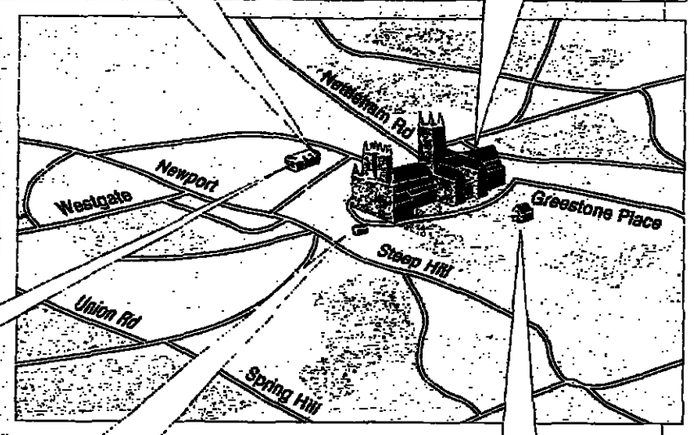


Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln: Apperance of ruddy Lincolnshire farmer crossed with rugby prop forward. When he was appointed, staff followed him around the cathedral, thinking from his appearance that he was a burglar. His efforts to resolve the problems are frustrated repeatedly by antiquated church laws which make it impossible to sack a cathedral cleric.



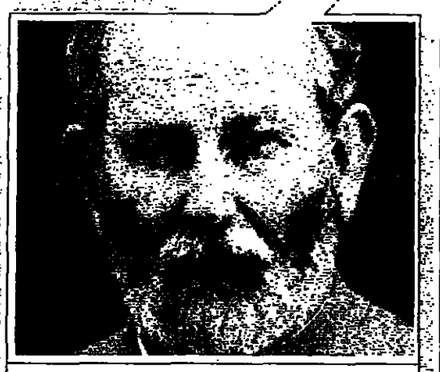
The Lincoln Imp: The cathedral gargoyle blamed by many for the troubles. According to legend, the devil sent the horned, grinning, imp to earth on the wind to have its fun. It was turned to stone by angels for trying to trip up the Bishop and knock down the Dean when the 11th-century cathedral was built.







The Dean: Dr Brandon Jackson, Oxford-educated Low church evangelical. Sent in by Mrs Thatcher to sort out the mess at Lincoln. Former religious adviser to Yorkshire Television, he launched Stars on Sunday with Jess Yates and once had his own religious chat show.



Canon Rex Davis, Sub-Dean: Affectionate nickname "the sunbeam". Married to Caroline, one of the leaders of the Movement for the Ordination of Women. High Church Anglo-Catholic and more politically astute than Dr Jackson. Has told Archbishop he won't go.



Canon Andrew Stokes: Cathedral precentor and formerly the Bishop's personal assistant, he was appointed by Bishop in 1992 to replace the late Canon David Rutter, who was a frequent target of criticism by the Dean.

Fox family disturbs royal sleep

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A SECURITY scare that has plagued the Queen during her week's annual residence at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh is revealed to have been caused by a vixen and her family of cubs.

Since the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Holyroodhouse on Sunday, the alarm system has been triggered more than two dozen times, usually at night as the monarch and her consort have been asleep in the palace's royal apartments.

Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Scotland, lies next door to Arthur's Seat, one of the largest and grandest municipal public parks in Europe. The fox family appears to have wandered in from the open spaces and established its den in the palace grounds.

The Queen was said yesterday to be more amused than disturbed at the intrusion, although foxes are not among her most devoted subjects. Last year a fox breached security at Buckingham Palace and killed the entire flock of flamingoes, which were a prime attraction to guests at palace summer garden parties.

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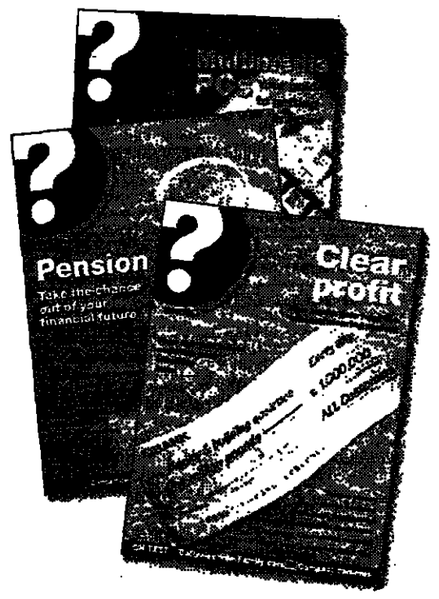
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World Cup deal to pitch TV channels into costly contest

By Carol Midgley

THE BBC and ITV face a huge rise in the cost of screening World Cup tournaments after the sale of non-US television rights to a German media mogul.

Leo Kirch, a reclusive billionaire from Bavaria, paid a record £1.46 billion to football's governing body, Fifa, for the 2002 and 2006 rights. The deal ends 25 years of guaranteed access for public service channels.

Herr Kirch and his partner, the marketing company ISL, will auction the rights to broadcasters in individual countries. It is unlikely that the BBC and ITV will be denied coverage in favour of satellite and cable channels, but the price of securing the rights is likely to be pushed up by competition.

The deal comes into effect after the 1998 World Cup in France. Previously Fifa had a 25-year agreement on the television rights with the European Broadcasting Union, which includes the BBC. Yesterday the BBC said: "We have noted Fifa's decision but want to study the facts before making any further comment."

The German public broadcaster ARD said that the decision would increase costs, which would have to be met by extra advertising or pay-per-view charges.

Herr Kirch, 68, who has diabetes and is virtually blind, is one of the world's leading holders of film and television rights. He is a close friend of the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, a devout Catholic, and a wine-grower. He owns 25 per cent of Premiere, Germany's pay-TV channel, and 37 per cent of Axel Springer Verlag, publisher of *Die Welt* and *Bild*, Germany's biggest-selling tabloid daily newspaper.

Fifa will require Herr Kirch to maximise audiences for sponsorship purposes, which should ensure that terrestrial channels are not denied access to the tournaments. Sepp Blatter, general secretary of Fifa, said: "We want to know that the best coverage is done because football should be accessible to everyone — which means that in Mali, in the mountains of Switzerland and in Bolivia people have the right to see the World Cup. This is our duty."

Fifa will be guaranteed at least $1 billion (£666 million) for the 2002 tournament, co-hosted by Japan and South Korea. Additional profits will be shared by ISL and Herr Kirch. The last deal, negotiated in 1982, was for three events — 1990, 1994 and 1998. Broadcasters outside the US paid a combined total of £180 million. The rights to the 1998 event are valued at £65 million, of which the European Broadcasting Union pays half. The BBC and ITV contribute £1.6 million each. The US rights are still being negotiated.

Herr Kirch now controls the rights to 15,000 films and 50,000 hours of television, which he plans to utilise for a digital pay-TV network to be launched this year.

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Hair of the yak saves crumbling castle walls

By Kate Alderson

LINDISFARNE Castle is being treated with Tibetan yak hair and lime to ensure its survival. The ancient method of conservation, known as galleting and harling, will stem weather damage to the walls and interior of the 16th century castle on Holy Island, off the Northumberland coast.

Raymond Rourke, the National Trust's regional building officer, said that it had reverted to original techniques because they worked better than modern ones.

"It has been something of a trial and error exercise," he said. "We could never have imagined yak's hair would be the best for the job. The hair was used in the first process, the galleting, which involves cutting out the old mortar in the joins of the stonework and hammering in tiles and small stones. They are then packed with the yak hair. It was perfect because horse hair was too coarse and goat's hair too fine and silky.

"We did that across the whole north face in preparation for the next phase of the work, known as harling." The harl, a mixture of goat's hair, lime and sand, is hurled at the walls with harling trowels to make it stick. This process is followed with a lime wash. The project, likely to be finished this summer, is being used to replace cement-based cladding applied earlier this century.

The castle was built on a rocky outcrop as a gun emplacement to repell advancing Scottish armies. In the 18th century it was used as a lookout post by coastguards. Edward Hudson, the founder of *Country Life*, bought it in 1902 from the Crown and made it into a home before donating it to the National Trust in 1944.

The trust carried out an archaeological survey in 1991 to establish the condition of the castle and how it could be best preserved. Tim Meek, a harling specialist, has been overseeing the restoration work.

"I am relieved that we are finally getting the message that the ancient methods are the best," he said. "It's a pity it has taken 200 years to realise it. So many of our finest buildings and ancient monuments have been damaged because modern cements and aggregates have been used and have trapped moisture in the walls.

"Using hair sounds an unusual technique but nothing can live up to this method of securing an old building against the elements, it is simply the best available."

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By Robin Young

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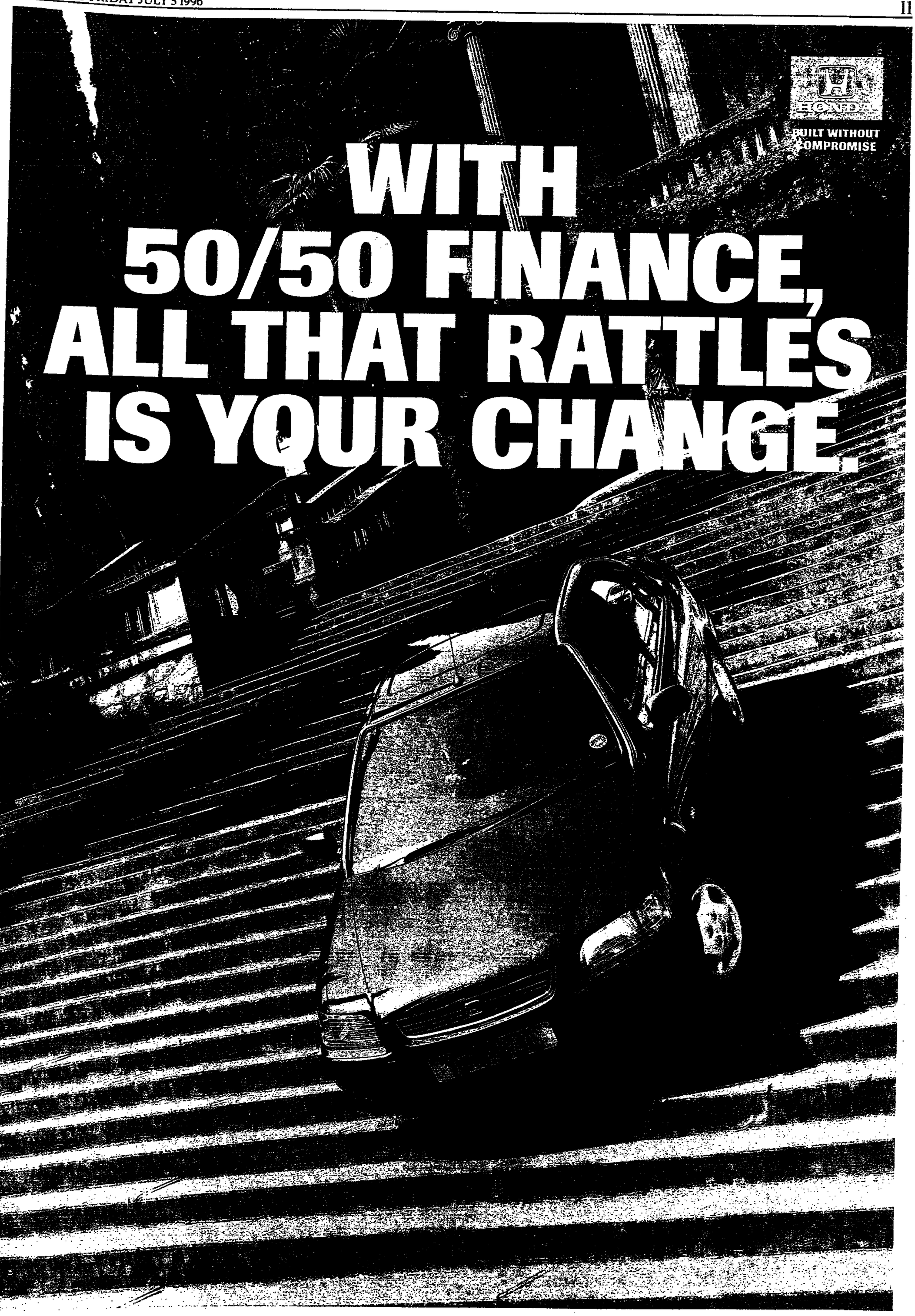
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BY ALICE THOMSON AND JAMES LANDALE

PEERS yesterday debated the future of the 700-year-old Upper House with Viscount Cranborne, the leader of the Lords, warning against radical change.

Lord Cranborne, whose family has sat in the Lords since Elizabethan times, told peers: "This House works well. Our role as a check on another place, as a revising chamber, as the highest court in the land and as a forum for informed debate is a formidable one, all for the modest price of £24 million per annum. The longer I spend here, the more I feel that the hereditary element is an important ingredient in our success."

The Leader of the House said that Labour was wrong to accept "the myth of the built-in Tory majority among their Lordships". He added: "Self-selection seems to work rather like the rest of this House quite well because of the absence of rules.

"In an age when politics has become the preserve of professional politicians, the leavening that the hereditary peerage provides is invaluable. Of course, politics needs its full-time pros, but a Parliament entirely composed of them loses an essential citizen element."

The amateur nature of the Lords was one of its greatest assets, Lord Cranborne said. It was also vital that a second chamber did not challenge the ultimate authority of the elected chamber.

Lord Cranborne insisted he was not opposed to reform of the Upper House in principle but he could not understand why Labour was pursuing the issue with such urgency instead of reform of education or health.

He said it could not be because they were frightened the Lords would block all the reforms because experience had shown that the Lords were not biased against any Government.

"The secret, of course, is that the Labour leadership has slipped a gag into the mouth of its left wing. That gag is beginning to work loose. It needs to find a bit of sticking plaster to slap across its mouth. Reform of this House is, they hope, that sticking plaster. They are mucking about with the constitution to keep their own party quiet."

Lord Cranborne said that Labour's two-tier plans first to abolish the rights of hereditaries to sit in the Lords and then to form an elected second chamber, had no intellectual coherence.

"It is not a peach of an idea that compels serious consideration," he said. "It would transform one House into the biggest quango in the land.

"It will deliver to the Labour Party powers of patronage unprecedented since the days of Newcastle and Rockingham. Perhaps the leader of the Labour party rather fancies himself in a short wig and knee breeches. All he would then lack is a Palladian mansion and a park."

Lord Cranborne said: "They freely admit that they haven't the faintest idea how this House will be composed once they have implemented phase two of their wizzo idea."

He suggested that a better alternative for Labour, if they ever won power, would be to let the House of Commons set up a select committee to look into the question as to both means and ends. Peers could then give evidence.

Lord Richard, the Labour leader in the Lords and a working peer, said there would be a "major exercise in public consultation" before Labour decided on the final composition of the upper House.

He admitted the Lords had survived since the Norman Conquest and King Alfred but said that it was no justification for retaining the status quo.

"From 1911 onwards, everyone who has looked at this problem has agreed on one thing — that the right to sit in Parliament by hereditary advantage has to go. The time has come to bring this Chamber up to date and that is what we propose to do," he said.

"They do matter and it does matter that this place is not just a gentleman's club, a quaint assembly that serves as a tourist attraction and is reminiscent of warm beer, ladies cycling home, going to church and everything beloved by the Prime Minister."

Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, the Liberal Democrat and former Labour cabinet minister, said: "There is an overwhelming case for reform and I hope it will be inevitable if we get a Labour government. But we should have cross-party consultation on the best replacement."

The Bishop of Chichester defended the rights of senior Church of England figures to sit in the Lords even under Labour's plans for reform but said that other religious denominations should be represented. "I believe many bishops would want to affirm the principle of balance. For a long time we have said we would welcome the appointment of other churches," he said.

Baroness Young, a Conservative, said that the Lords had experienced many changes since she arrived there 25 years ago. There were now more women, more life peers and more cross-benchers.

"As such there is growing interest and respect from professional organisations who seek to amend legislation," she said. "Outsiders recognise that it is frequently in the Lords that changes can take place. It is an effective revising chamber."

Lady Young attacked Labour's plans for a chamber of nominated life peers. "We should have either an all elected chamber or be abolished," she said.

"To suggest an all nominated chamber is very strange. It gives unbelievable powers to political parties. We would have for the first time a party list system."

She warned against any major reforms. "If it strengthens the House of Lords, it will inevitably weaken the House of Commons and will not be accepted in the other place. If it weakens the House of Lords, what purpose does it serve?"

Lord Weatherill, the former Speaker of the Commons, urged reformers to be cautious. He cited his "law of unintended consequences" under which one reform, however welcome, always leads to new problems.

"I am a convert to this place and converts are always stronger in their faith," he said. "The hereditary principle is very difficult to defend but this place does work very well and it works very cheaply."

He said that perhaps the House of Commons should be reformed before the Lords. He warned of the over-centralisation of powers in Whitehall and the executive.

"The first reform is the repatriation of powers back to local authorities. This would free MPs to get on with the job of holding the Government to account."

Lord Weatherill also said that ministers should make more statements to the House. "I would like to see the Chamber become once again the forum of the nation. I would like to see the tradition that ministers' statements are made to Parliament and not to that nice man Mr Naughtie on the *Today* programme."

Lord Denham, a former long-serving Tory Chief Whip in the Lords, attacked Labour's planned reforms. "By replacing hereditary peers with more life peers, will we not be changing one sort of unacceptability with another?"

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Lord Strathclyde, the Tory Chief Whip, and a Scottish hereditary peer, winding up the debate, said: "The debate over the past two days has been unrivalled. I suggest that it has shown your lordships' House at its senatorial best — deliberative, informed and, for the most part, non-partisan.

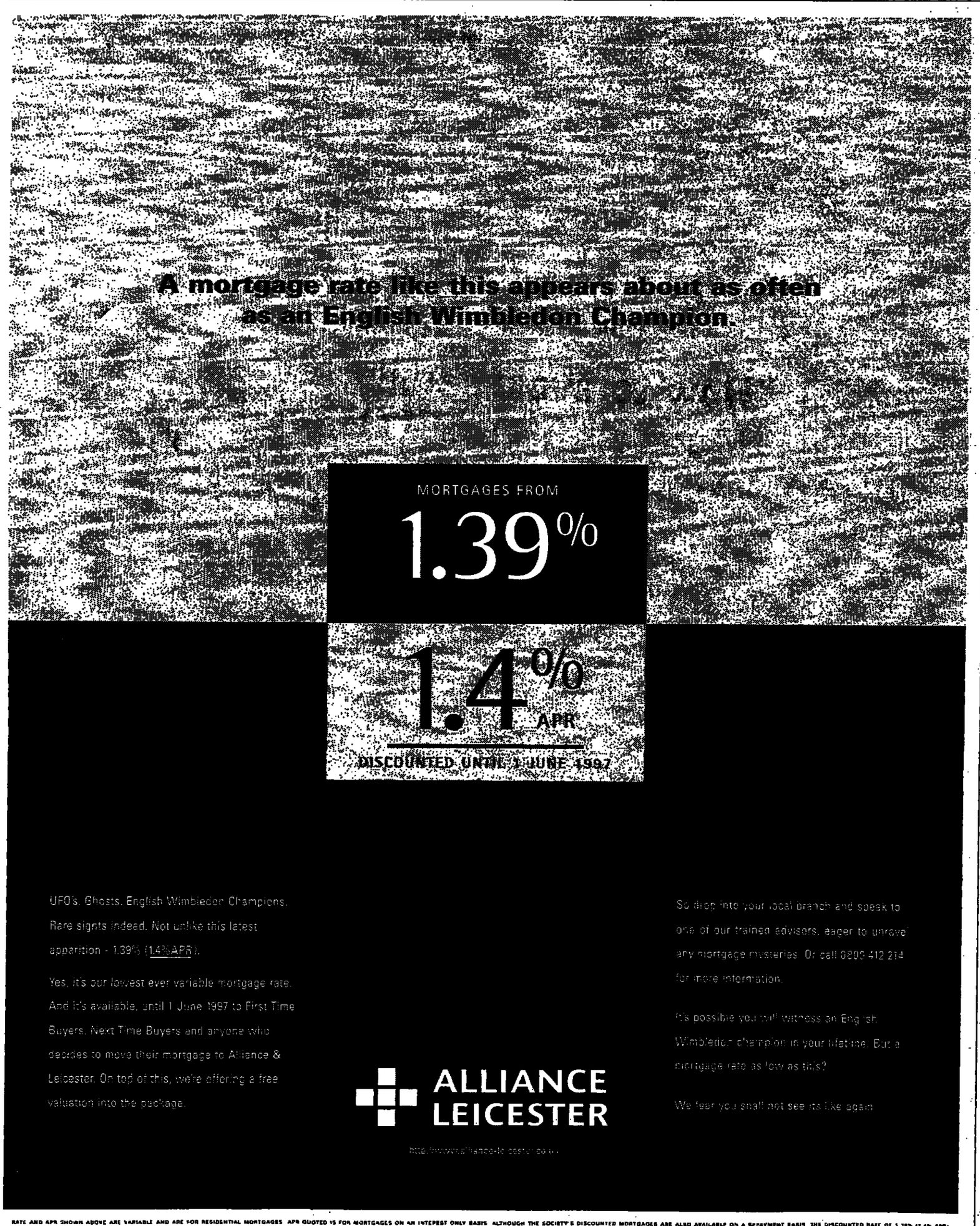
"The party opposite plan, if they win the next election, to take away my right to vote and to condemn me to live in the most highly-taxed part of the UK. But I shall rise above the purely personal.

"The party opposite offers us a muddled constitutional brew which threatens the authority of Parliament on every level around the country," he said.

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The Lords in 1907. Yesterday one peer said that Labour's planned reforms were "not a peach of an idea"

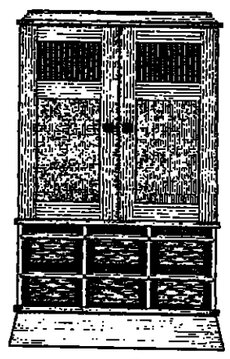


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Blair's manifesto is high on hope but low on realistic action

Labour's 40-page pre-manifesto is a skilful exercise in party management and political marketing. The image of "new" Labour has been made clearly distinct from "old" Labour, despite Tony Blair's bizarre attempt to claim that Keir Hardie, Attlee and Harold Wilson would have signed up to the proposals. The optimistic and upbeat tone of yesterday's launch was in marked contrast to the Tories' defensive and bungled pre-emptive attack on Tuesday.

But the Labour document is less satisfactory as a guide to what a Blair Government would do in office. That is perhaps inherent in its strategic dilemma. As Mr Blair said yesterday, the next election will be "a fight between hope and fear". He has spent much of the last two years making Labour less frightening, seeking to answer the old "high spending — high tax" charge. Loose ends in policies have been ruthlessly eliminated in the past few weeks. The economic sections of the pre-manifesto are robust, possibly as robust as can be expected from a party in opposition: for instance, pledging that ministers will be asked to find savings before they spend and in not taking risks with inflation. There was some debate within Mr

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Blair's inner circle about how much to say about holding down the tax burden, but Gordon Brown won out in his desire for maximum freedom of manoeuvre.

My doubts are about how this caution can be reconciled with offering hope. Labour has sensibly responded to voters' scepticism about politicians' promises by quietly dropping any grand visions. The "young country" has gone and even stakeholding is virtually invisible. The party has opted for an incremental approach, a few symbolic "commonsense" commitments to show where Labour could make a difference to ordinary people, as part of a self-conscious "contract" with party members and the public. These promises, dubbed "early pledges", have been market tested to tie in with voters' worries — over class sizes, hospital waiting lists, youth unemployment and youth crime.

The proposals sound reasonable in themselves, and Labour has a well-worked-out plan for streamlining punishment for young offenders. Labour claims the pledges have been carefully costed by switching money from other programmes, though some smack of gimmickry and creative accounting. There are doubts not only over the scale of what can be raised from privatised utilities when they are already handing back money to consumers, but also over the phasing out of the assisted places scheme and the proposed squeezing of money out of NHS bureaucracy. Health service groups have, for instance, raised questions about how quickly savings will be found and extra medical staff recruited.

Such "early pledges" are no substitute for decisions about how public services should be financed in the long term: over how far the burden should be switched to the private sector, as in the party's ideas for second-tier pensions and in the hints about university funding. The pre-manifesto is full of talk about new initiatives, though without specific spending commitments. Mr Blair referred to changing priorities by spending less on welfare as a percentage of the budget and more on education. But he is cautious about how Labour would achieve this ambitious pledge and how much can be said about welfare reform in opposition.

Yesterday's launch was primarily an exercise in symbolism. But then that is what the pre-election battle is about — Labour appeals for trust against Tory attempts to arouse fears, "new life" for Britain against "new danger". Mr Blair and Mr Brown have so far always opted for reassurance in view of Labour's vulnerability and the risks of raising expectations which will later be disappointed. Mr Blair yesterday took an important further step towards power. But his pre-manifesto is clearer on aspirations than on what Labour would, or could, actually do in office.

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Labour sticks to safety first policy on spending pledges

BY JILL SHERMAN
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TONY BLAIR presented a draft manifesto stripped of spending commitments yesterday in an attempt to reassure the electorate that it is now safe to vote Labour.

The only pledge on resources is to transfer £100 million from NHS bureaucracy to spend on 100,000 operations to cut hospital waiting-lists.

The 40-page glossy document, *New Labour, New Life for Britain*, has Mr Blair's personal authority stamped all over it. Costly promises have been replaced by modest commitments meant to reassure the Middle England voter that Labour will make a difference to them but not at their expense.

Five pledges for the first Parliament of a Labour government appear on two million "credit cards" to be distributed to households in marginal seats. Labour promises to cut hospital waiting-lists and also to cut class sizes to 30 for infants by using money from the assisted places scheme. A third pledge is to bring persistent young offenders to court in half the current length of time.

The card promises that 250,000 people under 25 will be moved off benefit and into work. Labour says it will use £1 billion from a windfall tax on privatised utilities to fund this in a first year, but no figure appears in the document. Aides suggest that the tax could be phased in.

Under-25s who have been out of work for six months will be given four options for jobs or training. If they refuse, their benefit will be docked.

Labour promises to build a strong economy, with low inflation.

The main document, to be put to the party conference in the autumn and then to a ballot of the party's 370,000 members, contains ideas that are more radical.

Labour's most ambitious plans are in the area of constitutional reform. Referendums are promised on setting up a Scottish parliament, a Welsh assembly, and a London strategic authority. The paper deliberately avoids a pledge on a tax-varying Scottish parliament saying it would be "law-making".

The document also repeats the late John Smith's pledge of a referendum on electoral reform, although Mr Blair has indicated that he personally will campaign to keep the first-past-the-post system for electing MPs.

In 1992 the party pledged to abolish the House of Lords and replace it with an elected second chamber. The draft manifesto confirms that Labour would remove the right of hereditary peers to sit or vote in the House of Lords, adding that it would consult on further reforms.

Mr Blair says he personally backs the idea of elected mayors with executive powers in main cities but the document merely says the idea would be "explored" through pilot projects.

On local authority finance, the paper says that "crude council-tax capping should go" but reserve powers would be retained for extreme cases. Compulsory competitive tendering would end, but councils would be required to obtain the "best value for local residents."

At the 1992 election Labour proposed increasing the top rate of income tax to 50p and lifting the national insurance contribution ceiling, which would have hit all those earning over £22,000 and in effect would have raised the top rate to 59 per cent.

Yesterday's document gives no income tax rates, but says there will be no return to "penal tax rates" and that "we would like to reduce taxes for ordinary families". Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, say they have no plans for a new top rate of income tax, but the document does not rule one out. Aides said Mr Brown still hoped to cut VAT on fuel to 5 per cent and introduce a starting rate of income tax of 10 per cent.

Ministers would be asked to find savings before they spend. Labour would borrow only to invest and not to fund current expenditure.

The party has dropped its 1992 pledge to increase child benefit and raise the state pension by £5 and £8 for single pensioners and couples respectively. Mr Brown expects to save more than £650 million by scrapping child benefit for those aged 16 to 18, but it has not yet been decided how it will be spent, so this has been excluded from the paper.

The party has also abandoned a commitment to raise pensions in line with earnings rather than prices, and offers no extra help for poorer pensioners other than making it easier for them to claim their existing entitlement. The paper contains a promise to cut welfare spending in real terms — by creating jobs — and transferring the money to spend on education.

On the railways, Labour document hedges its bets. "We will create a publicly owned, publicly accountable railway system as economic circumstances and the priorities of transport policy allow."

The paper largely drops Labour's opposition to grant-maintained schools, and reassures existing grammar schools. Labour wants a system to recognise the different abilities of children within comprehensive schooling.

"The future of remaining grammar schools is up to the parents affected. We will not close good schools."

The paper says students should contribute to their accommodation but does not specify the level.

The provision of a nursery place for all three and four year-olds remains the aim, but no specific pledge is given. "We will use the money to guarantee places for four-year-olds and start the expansion of provision for three-year-olds."

On the Conservatives' trade union reforms, the legislation on ballots, picketing and industrial action will remain. A minimum wage will be determined according to economic circumstances. There is no guarantee for equal rights on day one of employment.

The compulsory training levy, requiring employers to contribute to 2 per cent of payroll costs has been replaced with individual learning accounts attracting tax relief.

On the European Union, the paper is pro-European in tone but emphasises that the party would join a single currency only if it was convinced that economic circumstances favoured the move. "We will therefore reserve our options." The people would be consulted on the matter through a general election or a referendum.

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POLICY CHANGES SINCE 1992

Abandoned pledges

- ☐ Cash increases for child benefit and state pensions
- ☐ Spending £1 billion more on the NHS and restoring free eye tests and free dental checks
- ☐ A new top rate of tax at 50 per cent plus lifting the ceiling of national insurance contributions
- ☐ A compulsory training levy for employers
- ☐ The commitment to public ownership in Clause Four

The new ones

- ☐ Cutting social security spending in real terms to spend on education
- ☐ Spending of £100 million on cutting health service waiting lists
- ☐ Aim to cut tax for ordinary families
- ☐ Tax incentives to encourage employees and employers to train
- ☐ Bringing railways into public ownership when transport policy allows it



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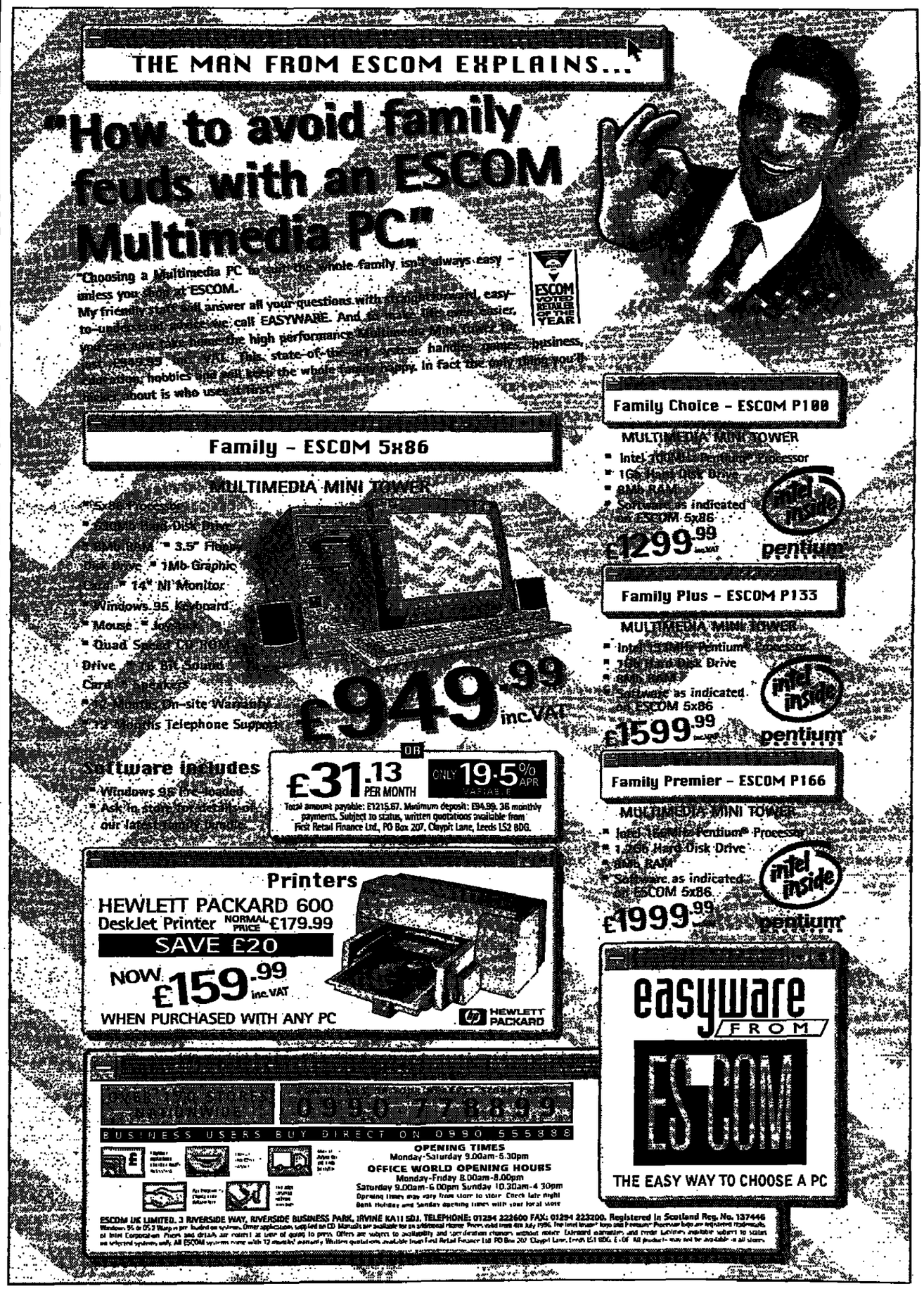
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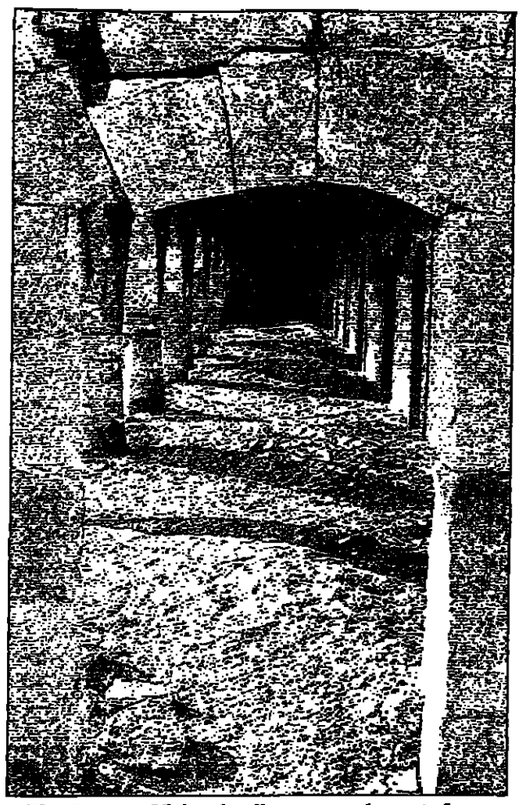
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The Guerrero Viejo schoolhouse, now home to frogs

Drought reveals drowned old town

Texas dust bowl discloses relics of a vibrant past but spells ruin for farmers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AT LAKE FALCON ON THE TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER

THE 250-year-old border town of Guerrero Viejo was once the vibrant hub of this desert region and boasted a printing press, a hospital and a population of 40,000. Wars and revolutions then took their toll, but what finished the place off was the damming of the Rio Grande a few miles downstream in 1953.

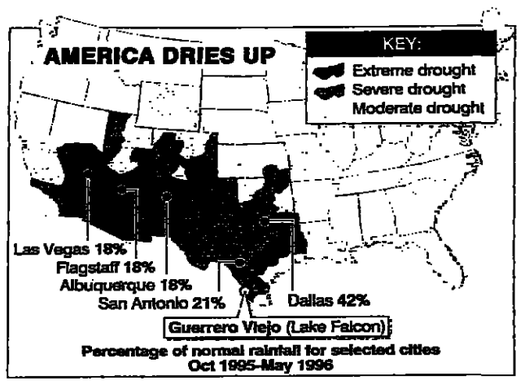
Torrential rains filled the vast Falcon Lake far quicker than expected and, within a year, most of Guerrero Viejo had vanished beneath the rising waters.

The last 3,000 inhabitants fled to new purpose-built housing near the dam, never believing they would see their old homes again, but they reckoned without the great drought of 1996.

After three virtually rainless years, the 50-mile lake has shrunk to a third of its normal size and fallen nearly 50ft. The lost town of Guerrero Viejo has miraculously resurfaced.

A guide took me there last week. We turned off an empty Mexican highway, drove ten miles down a dirt track, and in temperatures of 100F (37C) explored the deserted, sun-baked ruins with their tantalising hints of Guerrero Viejo's past glories.

The beautiful sandstone church with its carved pillars and Roman arches still stands, though the back wall and part of the roof have fallen in. There are faded maroon-and-yellow tiles on the floor, and high on the walls fleur-de-lys are visible on remnants of plasterwork. Someone has recently made a small shrine with plastic flowers and a picture of the Virgin Mary.



Percentage of normal rainfall for selected cities Oct 1995-May 1996

The church faces what was obviously once a fine town square. The pavements are cracked and tilted, but there is still a gazebo in the centre ringed by crumbling stone benches, and a statue's pedestal. A plaque dated 1927 honours the town's *grupo femenil*, the women's club.

In the square's far corner are the skeletal remains of the Hotel Flores, once famous for its dances, and a pristine stretch of cobbled street. Nearer the receding lake is the colonnaded schoolhouse. Its classrooms are carpeted with dried mud and overrun by frogs and snakes. The houses are mostly rubble, playgrounds for darting lizards.

In one of the few houses high enough to escape inundation, we found an old Mexican woman named Julia Zamora, who refused to leave in 1953 and stayed on with her goats. More than 40 years later she is developing a new business — purveyor of cold drinks to the growing number of visitors lured by word of Guerrero Viejo's reappearance. This tough old lady is one of the very few beneficiaries of a drought that first took hold in this southernmost point of Texas three years ago and now blights the entire Southwest.

It is a gathering crisis that threatens farmers with ruin on a scale not seen since the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, immortalised in John Steinbeck's novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*. Rick Perry, the Texas agriculture commissioner, predicts the drought will cost his state alone $6.5 billion (£4.27 billion) this year, making it the most costly natural disaster in its history.

Texas is America's biggest cotton producer, but the soil is so parched that most of this year's crop has withered and died. The state's total wheat harvest is expected to be just 57 million bushels, down from 129 million in 1992. Hardest hit of all are the cattle ranchers who have seen feed prices nearly triple, rendering every cow in Texas economically unviable. As ranchers rush to sell their herds, beef prices are plummeting.

At daybreak in the small east Texan town of Groesbeck, the line of ranchers' trucks and trailers waiting to sell cattle at the auction yards stretches down the highway. "If the drought goes on like this another year 75 per cent of the cows will be gone," complained one rancher, Walton Harter. "Can't keep 'em. Ain't nothing for them to eat."

Parked outside the auction yards was a lorry loaded with hay. Its owner was selling the hay for an exorbitant $145 a tonne.

One group of west Texas ranchers have employed an aviation company to "seed" clouds with chemicals that supposedly generate rain. The mayors of two big west Texan towns, Childress and San Angelo, have issued official proclamations urging their people to pray for rain. Ranchers have revived the nearly moribund practice of burning prickles off cacti with butane torches so that their cattle can eat them.

Farmers are not the only victims. Illegal Mexican immigrants have died of dehydration while crossing the desert borders. Arizona and New Mexico have suffered huge forest fires, and prompted some Texas counties to ban fireworks at Independence Day celebrations yesterday.

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WORLD SUMMARY

21 killed by Tamil bomber

Colombo: A Tamil rebel with explosives strapped to her body blew herself up in front of a government motorcade yesterday, killing at least 21 other people and injuring 50, a military official said.

The attack occurred in Jaffna City, which the military captured in December from Tamil rebels. The dead included an army brigadier.

The Housing Minister, Nimal Siripala de Silva, was slightly injured when the bomber sprang from a crowd of onlookers toward his motorcade, said the Defence Ministry. But the bomber missed the minister's vehicle and hit a Jeep behind him. The minister is in charge of rebuilding the war-shattered peninsula. *(AP)*

Jail protesters sew up mouths

San Salvador: Eleven inmates involved in a "lottery of death" and hunger strike in a prison in El Salvador have sewn up their mouths. The 11 are among 180 prisoners who are refusing to eat in protest at chronic overcrowding in the Santa Ana prison, 40 miles east of the capital. The inmates have threatened to kill four convicts who were chosen in a lottery last month. The four, who are due to die on July 12, have already been blessed by a priest. *(Reuter)*

£½m payout for fatal drink party

Tokyo: Mitsui and Co, the Japanese trading house, has agreed to pay 90 million yen (£530,000) compensation to the family of a new employee, 24, who died of acute alcohol poisoning after a traditional welcome party. He fell unconscious in the company's dormitory after 15 senior employees forced him to drink three litres of a mixture of beer and whisky at one go. He died six days later. *(AFP)*

Rebels killed by Libyan police

Cairo: At least 12 people, including a key politician, were killed in Benghazi when Libyan police clashed with rebels trying to overthrow Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, a member of the London-based Libyan Movement for Change and Reform said. The politician was Ali Abu Shebeiha, of the Revolutionary Committees party. *(Reuter)*

Patient plans to starve to death

Darwin: Max Bell, 65, an Australian taxi driver with cancer, intends to starve to death if not allowed to commit suicide under Northern Territory's voluntary euthanasia law. Dr Philip Nitschke quoted him as saying: "Bugger it, I'll go to hospital and I'll bloody stop eating." *(Reuter)*

High fliers

Jerusalem: An Israeli kibbutz was shocked to be told by police that bird feeders it had sold, using raw materials from The Netherlands, had large amounts of opium and cannabis in them. *(AFP)*



Murphy as he appears in *The Nutty Professor*

Fat jokes wear thin for critics of US film

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

CHARGES of "fat-ism" have been levelled at the actor Eddie Murphy and his latest hit, *The Nutty Professor*.

The film, a loose remake of Jerry Lewis's 1963 comedy, features the normally svelte Murphy as Sherman Klump, a 30-stone scientist, who drinks a serum and suddenly becomes a thin womaniser called Buddy Love. The movie is packed with fat jokes, from portly slapstick to girthist repartee.

Criticism has been led by the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. "Eddie Murphy clearly doesn't understand how hurtful the world can be to people who are large," the group's Carolyn Schmidt said. "Somebody as big as Sherman certainly didn't get that way by sitting around and eating all the time. They got that way by being born with a different metabolism."

When playing the fat man, Murphy's ingenious make-up quivers and he is an object of ridicule. The rotund Klump family are depicted as irascible, stupid and flatulent. Klump gets stuck in a chair, is sneered at by a disco bouncer and hates himself.

Cinema audiences have loved the film and its immediate success at the box office appears to have revived Murphy's flagging career. However, its concentration on fatness has led commentators to ask: Is anti-fattery America's last "safe prejudice?"

Esther Rothblum, a psychologist at the University of Vermont, said: "Being fat is the last area where people feel they can be quite discriminatory in a way they can't be with other groups." She pointed to the constant depiction of thin people as beauty icons in the media and the rigorous promotion of fitness.

Urban America has come a long way from the days when a stout build was hailed as a sign of a healthy appetite and prosperity. Fat people have complained of being stopped in supermarket aisles and being questioned by thin folk, who will sometimes seize goods from their trolleys in an attempt to "save" them from obesity.

Film critics, some no doubt on the plump side, have attacked Murphy over the film. The *Virginian-Pilot* said that the title of the film should have been *Overweights Obnoxious* and attacked the plot as "tasteless".

Critics were not mollified by an attempt at the end of the film to deliver a message to filmgoers that "life is not about being happy about how much you weigh, but just being happy with yourself".

Woman picked as Britain's envoy to South Africa

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MAEVE FORT, Britain's Ambassador to Beirut, has been appointed High Commissioner in South Africa. She will hold the most senior post yet achieved by a woman in the diplomatic service.

The announcement was made as President Mandela prepared for his arrival in London on Monday at the start of his state visit. Miss Fort, 55, will take up her appointment in Pretoria in mid-November, succeeding Sir Anthony Reeve, who is retiring.

There are now eight women heading British missions overseas, several of them serving in what are considered hardship posts. This compares with three in 1994, and is the result of a conscious attempt by the Foreign Office to increase the number of women in senior positions. The other ambassadors are: Veronica Sutherland in Dublin, Jessica Pearce in Belorussia, Meg Rothwell in Ivory Coast, Barbara Hay in Uzbekistan, Kay Oliver in Rwanda and Marueen MacGlashan in the Holy See. In addition, Rosemary Spencer, who holds the rank of ambassador, heads the Berlin branch of the British Embassy in Germany.

Miss Fort has held a succession of demanding jobs. As well as serving in New York, Bonn and Bangkok, she spent two years in Lagos and was head of chancery in Santiago. In 1986 she was appointed Ambassador to Chad, resident in Nigeria, and in 1989 became Ambassador to Mozambique. She took up her job in Beirut in July 1992 — a post for which she volunteered.



Fort: a succession of demanding jobs

In Lebanon, Miss Fort was seen as a tough, no-nonsense ambassador who did much to establish normal diplomatic relations after the devastation of 16 years' civil war. The Beirut post, though safer nowadays than a decade ago, is still one of the more hazardous in the world, necessitating life in a fortified compound behind barbed wire and oppressive round-the-clock personal protection. Miss Fort was in constant touch with the Lebanese Government during the recent Israeli offensive, and was an intermediary in passing on messages from Downing Street.

She also has had several delicate conflicts to resolve, including the regaining of property rights for British businesses that fled during the civil war and difficulties over the lease on buildings used by the British Council. She was involved in a dispute between British Quakers and a Lebanese committee over Brummana High School, one of the best-known British-run schools overseas. Her feisty manner was occasionally seen as abrasive, but she did much to encourage British firms to bid for contracts in the reconstruction of Beirut. She was not universally popular among those who dealt with her; one person called her "inscrutable".

Her promotion follows the embarrassment in Whitehall when Pauline Neville-Jones, the former political director of the Foreign Office, turned down the post of Ambassador to Bonn, which would have made her Britain's first woman head of a Grade 1 embassy.

Miss Fort said yesterday: "I hope I have got the job on merit rather than sex. However, I am sure it will give hope to others that they can make it to the top on merit."

In its last annual report, the Foreign Office said that increasing female representation was a priority. Last year more women were recruited into the fast stream of the diplomatic service than men: some 57 per cent.



The High Commissioner's residence in Pretoria. Maeve Fort will take up her new posting in mid-November

French airline staff call strike

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THE two main airports in Paris were in chaos yesterday as 70 per cent of Air France's domestic flights were cancelled due to a 24-hour strike by ground staff and pilots.

They were protesting over plans to merge Air France and its domestic partner, Air France Europe (AFE) by next spring. The strike was timed to coincide with yesterday's announcement of the restructuring plans for the two airlines by Christian Blanc, the president of Air France.

Union leaders boycotted the announcement at a Paris hotel, calling for an immediate halt to merger plans and the reversal of a decision to scrap 18 AFE routes from October. The unions claim the merger would cut jobs and pay.

Air France recently reported its first operating profit of the 1990s, but increased competition on domestic routes from foreign carriers has plunged AFE into the red. Air France hopes the merger will create a more efficient operation in time for the liberalised European market, due to come into effect next April.

Italy cuts macho army of bodyguards

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Italian VIP police bodyguards, who like to race down Rome's ancient streets with blue lights flashing and sirens wailing, are about to become an endangered species.

The left-wing Government of Professor Romano Prodi, which took office in May, is cracking down on "excessive official privilege". The small army of 4,000 policemen who guard VIPs (or alleged VIPs) is to be cut back "drastically", according to Giorgio Napolitano, the Interior Minister.

The cut is part of a wider drive by Signor Prodi to streamline the bloated state bureaucracy and adopt a more "modest" style of government. Instead of black stretch limousines with police outriders, ministers and senior officials are being encouraged to use public transport. Signor Prodi has set an example by travelling to and from Bologna, his home town, by train.

Slick designer suits are being replaced by more casual left-wing dress, and expensive restaurants are giving way to more humble trattorias for the conduct of government business over lunch. Elaborate titles are also on their way out; ministers will no longer be addressed as "Your Excellency", a title which dates back to Benito Mussolini, whose Fascist regime relished, and to a degree depended on, the visible trappings of power.

But the loss of police protection has caused the most uproar. "To have a police guard outside your home is a measure of your importance" said *La Repubblica*. Police series on TV tend to star handsome Carabinieri in macho sunglasses with attitudes to match. The real police often act as if they were in the movies, hurling themselves out of protection vehicles with guns at the ready as a convoy screeches to a halt, even when the official they are guarding is relatively junior and on a routine mission.



Prodi: sweeping away bloated official perks

The protection of VIPs remains central to Italy's fight against terrorism and organised crime. "It is not only a status symbol for the self-important," one official emphasised, "it has a serious purpose". Italy's experience of terrorism and Mafia killings led to a rise in state-provided protection for leading judges, politicians and industrialists in the 1980s.

But Signor Napolitano said the provision of armed guards had got out of hand. The Prodi government, in which the former Communists are represented for the first time, hopes to bring greater stability to politics. Terrorism has waned, the once feared Red Brigades are a spent force, and even the Mafia is showing signs of crumbling from within.

It is not clear how many of the 800 Italians who at present qualify for round-the-clock protection will still receive it. But Signor Napolitano said only nine ministers would be guarded, instead of the present 60, and about half of the 4,000 bodyguards would return to "normal police duties."

Those still qualifying for full protection include the Prime Minister and his deputy, the Ministers of Defence, Finance, Foreign Affairs and Justice, and Signor Napolitano himself. Mafia supergrasses and their families will continue to be guarded, as will key magistrates involved in the fight against crime and corruption, and the leaders of all parties represented in parliament.

100 killed daily in Burundi's tribal war

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

ANOTHER 60 Burundians were killed in a massacre at a tea plantation near Bujumbura, Burundi's state-run radio said yesterday. The tribe they belonged to was unspecified.

If the claims of rival Tutsi and Hutu tribes are to be believed, that brings the total killed in Burundi to about 1,060 in the past week. More than 150,000, almost all civilians, have been killed in ethnic massacres in Burundi since 1993 and the rate of killing, now more than 100 a day, shows every sign of growing worse.

"We don't really understand what it's all about ourselves. It seems we have a national obsession with death," a distinguished Tutsi journalist said yesterday.

For most Burundians, this is as good an explanation as any of why the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups seem unable to live together in Burundi — or in Rwanda, where extremist Hutus came close to achieving a final solution for their Tutsi problem and murdered a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in 1994.

Neither Burundi's army nor the exile Hutu rebel leadership is prepared to cooperate with a foreign peacekeeping force and have vowed to fight it.

American, Belgian and several African envoys are now shuttling around the region desperately trying to persuade extremist groups to accept the logic of being policed by an impartial force.

"The whole idea is a brave and powerful gamble. It might not work, but the alternatives for all in Burundi are too horrible for us to contemplate. Our biggest task is asking people accustomed to horror to look into a crystal ball and recoil at the prospect of their own annihilation," said a senior African diplomat involved in negotiations over the African peacekeeping force.

"It is their last chance to regain sanity," he added.



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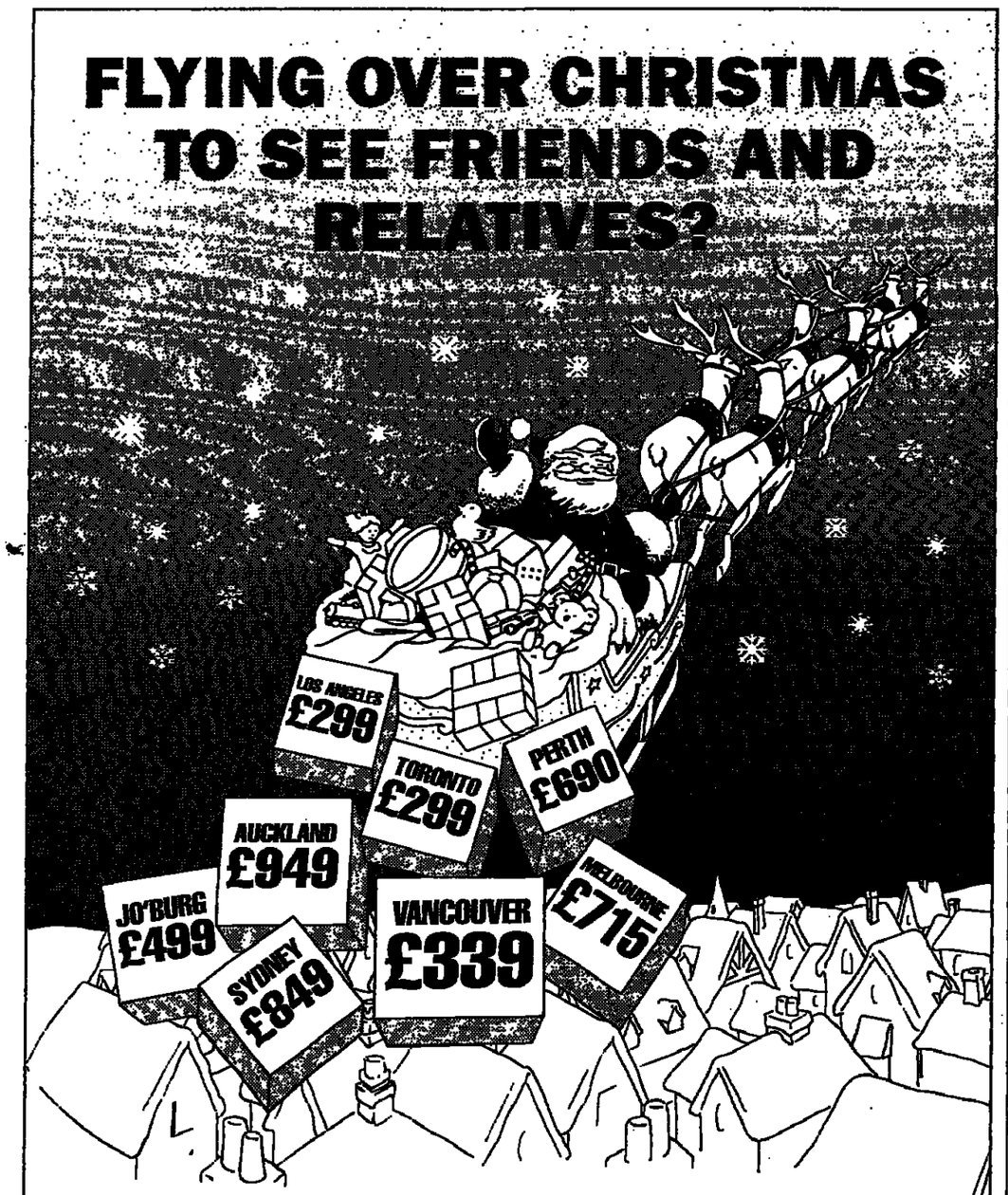
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Gleeful Kohl welcomes survival of an old friend in the Kremlin



Yeltsin: success marred by fears over health

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL was full of glee yesterday at the re-election of his friend Boris Yeltsin but could not conceal some anxiety about the Russian President. "For the coming years I wish you strength, health and success," the Chancellor's congratulatory telegram read.

The German leader said he had a lengthy conversation with Mr Yeltsin and congratulated him. The Russian evidently had problems talking. Herr Kohl attributed this to exhaustion. "At the end of a long campaign, I know how it is — your voice becomes hoarse, you can barely talk ... all of us have good and less good days and the man has just gone through a tough election campaign."

WEST'S RESPONSE

The Chancellor was the most forthright of Western statesmen in supporting Mr Yeltsin before the election's first round, even if some top German businessmen were hedging their bets and dining Gennadi Zyuganov.

Bonn diplomats are notably less enthralled; they can foresee a precarious situation with a weakening and increasingly absentee Mr Yeltsin, and the emergence of a stronger, yet erratic, Aleksandr Lebed locked in a state of almost constant friction with the Government of Viktor Chernomyrdin. A leak to the mass circulation *Bild* suggested the Chancellery has received a devastating report on Mr Yeltsin's health.

The central concern is not so much the condition of Mr Yeltsin's heart — Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, talked only of "understandable exhaustion" — as the way geo-political imperatives (the need to keep a stable friendly relationship with Moscow) has been wrapped up with "personal chemistry" between the two great trencherman.

Personal links have always been regarded as vital to Russo-German relations. Otto von Bismarck, as Prussian envoy to the St Petersburg court, made a point of getting on well with Prince Aleksandr Gorchakov. Kaiser Wilhelm and Tsar Nicholas conducted an active correspondence. Willy Brandt built up a friendly relationship with Leonid Brezhnev though the balance of advantage seemed to be with the Russians.

Helmut Kohl encouraged and profited from Germany's "Gorbymania" and steered an apparent friendship with Mikhail Gorbachev towards acceptance of German unification. Affections were quickly transferred to "dear Boris" — Mr Gorbachev complains the Chancellor is no longer in touch — and over the past years the friendship has become genuinely warm. The reason is partly practical. Mr Yeltsin has given Germany what it most needed: the orderly withdrawal of Russian troops from German soil and a relatively stable post-Communist system.

There has been no implosion of the Russian Federation, and only a modest exodus of refugees to the West. That has freed the Boris-Helmut relationship in a way that could not have been achieved by any other Russo-German constellation since the Second World War.

The leaders eat together and clown together: Mr Yeltsin's drunken directing of a German brass band is well remembered in Berlin. Dimmer in the memory are the spoken blunders. During one Yeltsin visit, Herr Kohl referred to Russia as "our great neighbour". Only the Poles seem to notice.

But the concept of buddy politics, allowing for indiscretions without causing great global ripples, may be outdated. At critical moments, Mr Yeltsin has been unreachable by telephone even for Herr Kohl. Germany, with its special relationship, failed notably to influence Moscow's policy towards Chechenia.

In Washington, **President Clinton** said the election was a "triumph for democracy", adding: "This shows just how far Russia's political reform has come over the past five years." It was "good news" for the entire world — "the Russian people have turned their back on tyranny".

John Major said: "I am delighted by the successful completion of the elections and I warmly welcome the re-election of Boris Yeltsin. The success of the election shows democracy has taken firm roots."

Victory triggers scramble to find Yeltsin successor

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

EVEN before the final results confirmed President Yeltsin's commanding re-election victory yesterday, a power struggle broke out among senior Kremlin figures to influence the make-up of his new administration and decide the key question of succession.

As the Russian leader addressed the nation, thanking it for his triumph at the polls, the matter on many people's minds was whether the country's first directly elected head of state would be physically able to serve all of his four-year term in office.

"Let us not divide the country into victors and vanquished," said the beaming Mr Yeltsin, who received just under 54 per cent of the vote, while Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party challenger, won 40 per cent. "We have one destiny and one future ... together we will revive Russia," the President said.

XXXXX RUSSIAN ELECTION

Back in his Kremlin office for the first time in more than a week, he looked and sounded much better than the frail figure who appeared briefly on television screens in short, carefully edited clips.

At celebrations early yesterday morning, Yeltsin supporters toasted each other in champagne. The drink and the congratulations flowed after a stunning campaign performance which outclassed their Communist foes.

But behind the smiles and handshakes, the jockeying for influence inside the new administration had started, with reformists, centrists and even some Communists hoping to land posts as ministers or senior aides in the new team.

"A lot of people from every sector of Russian society helped Yeltsin to win and now they want something in return," said one insider, who himself was looking for a senior slot in the Kremlin hierarchy.

By far the most important, and potentially dangerous, post-election scramble will be over the succession and who among the three main candidates will emerge as heir to the Kremlin throne.

Under the constitution, President Yeltsin's official successor is Viktor Chernomyrdin, who was reappointed Prime Minister yesterday and asked to form a new broad-based administration. In the event of the head of state dying or becoming physically unable to rule, the Prime Minister would take on most of the presidential duties, but must call fresh elections within three months.

The former head of Russia's vast gas industry is liked at home and abroad for his solid and dependable character. However, his unimaginative leadership style has left many wondering if he has the ambition or the charisma needed to fight and to hold the Kremlin. A far more credible challenger is General Aleksandr Lebed, the popular former paratroop officer and political newcomer. He emerged from relative obscurity last month when he came third in the first round of voting for the presidency.

Since then he has formed an alliance with President Yeltsin and is now Russia's National Security Adviser, with ill-defined but wide-ranging powers. Since his appointment two weeks ago, he has made it clear that his ambitions stretch far beyond his current brief. He is determined to make himself the uncontested crown prince, either by muscling his way into power or by installing himself in a revived post of vice-president.

However, Kremlin insiders predict that the general's wings — his surname means swan in Russian — may yet be clipped by President Yeltsin, who is a master at balancing the various forces around him. Now that the election is over, and Mr Yeltsin no longer needs General Lebed's support and that of his voters, the Kremlin leader is no longer reliant politically on the pugnacious Afghan war veteran.

Instructively, one of the first people who was ushered in to congratulate President Yeltsin yesterday was Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow and the third possible challenger for the succession. With all the focus on the presidential race, little attention has been paid to Mr Luzhkov's stunning 90 per cent re-election victory in the capital last month, nor his ill-disguised attempts to increase his public profile nationally.

Unlike other regional leaders, the bald-headed workaholic controls the largest and wealthiest city in Russia, which he has been largely responsible for turning into a model of successful reform.

Mr Luzhkov will be encouraged by the the knowledge that the last person to run Moscow with pretentions to the Kremlin leadership was Boris Yeltsin.

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Viktor Chernomyrdin, left, reappointed Prime Minister yesterday, with Viktor Ilyushin, the Yeltsin campaign chief



Lebed: determined to be crown prince



Luzhkov: stunning success in Moscow

Press put victory before the truth

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S liberal journalists regarded the re-election of Boris Yeltsin as "vital for our very existence". In a battle for existence, of course, anything is allowed, including some tactics more reminiscent of the Communist past than of a democratic press.

In the past few weeks, these have included a spat of fabricated anti-communist stories, "invented letters from readers" warning of civil war, and a near ban on stories damaging to Mr Yeltsin.

Apart from the understandable anti-communist feeling of many Russian

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journalists, and the immense ability of the Yeltsin adminstration to influence the press, most newspapers and television stations are privately owned, by businessmen with no desire to see a Communist return to power. The result has been a high degree of pro-Yeltsin bias.

Take NTV, the independent television channel which has gained high praise for its honest reporting of the war in Chechenia and its willingness to ask members of the Government hard questions. Its satirical puppet show, *Kukli*, has sometimes rivalled *Spitting Image* in its venom. But in the past week neither NTV nor any other Russian channel has given more than the briefest mention of Mr Yeltsin's prolonged disappearance from the public eye or concerns about his health. What coverage there has been has consisted of bland denials and sneers at "Western press hysteria" on the subject.

On Monday, the main NTV evening news had an item on "rumours" — for which no evidence was offered — that a printing firm had begun producing food rationing coupons in case the Communists won the elections. The presenter explained rationing coupons from the Gorbachev era, "to remind you of what it was like".

Defeat will shatter opposition unity

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

COMMUNISTS

THE broad coalition of "national-patriotic forces" that supported Gennadi Zyuganov for the presidency was facing collapse yesterday after its election failure.

When it became clear that he had lost the race, Mr Zyuganov slipped away from his parliamentary office in a black Volga and declined to comment publicly on the first results. The Communists' campaign offices were silent. Those officials left resorted to spin-doctoring. "It is not a defeat," said one leading strategist, arguing that 27 million votes had been a good result.

Campaign planners were well aware this election was the Communists' last big hope to recapture power. The economy could hardly be in a worse state and by the next presidential election in four years' time demographic trends will have taken their toll on the elderly Communist voters.

Ironically, the Communists' strict discipline, one of their greatest assets in the presidential campaign and the key to their success in the parliamentary elections last December, is likely to work against them. To modernise they probably need a new leader, but Mr Zyuganov is unlikely to lose his job as party boss. "He has consolidated the party and there is no other figure who can match him," said Valeri Solovei, a specialist on the Communist Party at the Gorbachev Foundation in Moscow.

The bulk of the Communist Party consists of members of the old Soviet party who were not willing to adapt to reforms by Mikhail Gorbachev, the former President. In contrast to the parties of Eastern Europe, they made no effort to change into a social democratic movement. The path they chose was an inward-looking nationalism that jettisoned orthodox Marxism.

In the volatile opposition alliance there will now be attempts to remove the Communists from their position as vanguard. Young nationalist politicians may try to form their own party. Just as devastatingly, the Government may use the lure of high office to undermine the party. A presidential adviser, Sergei Karaganov, said Communists could be offered second-level jobs in the health and education ministries.

Former Soviet states welcome 'choice of stability and reform'

FROM LESIA RUDAKEWYCH IN KIEV

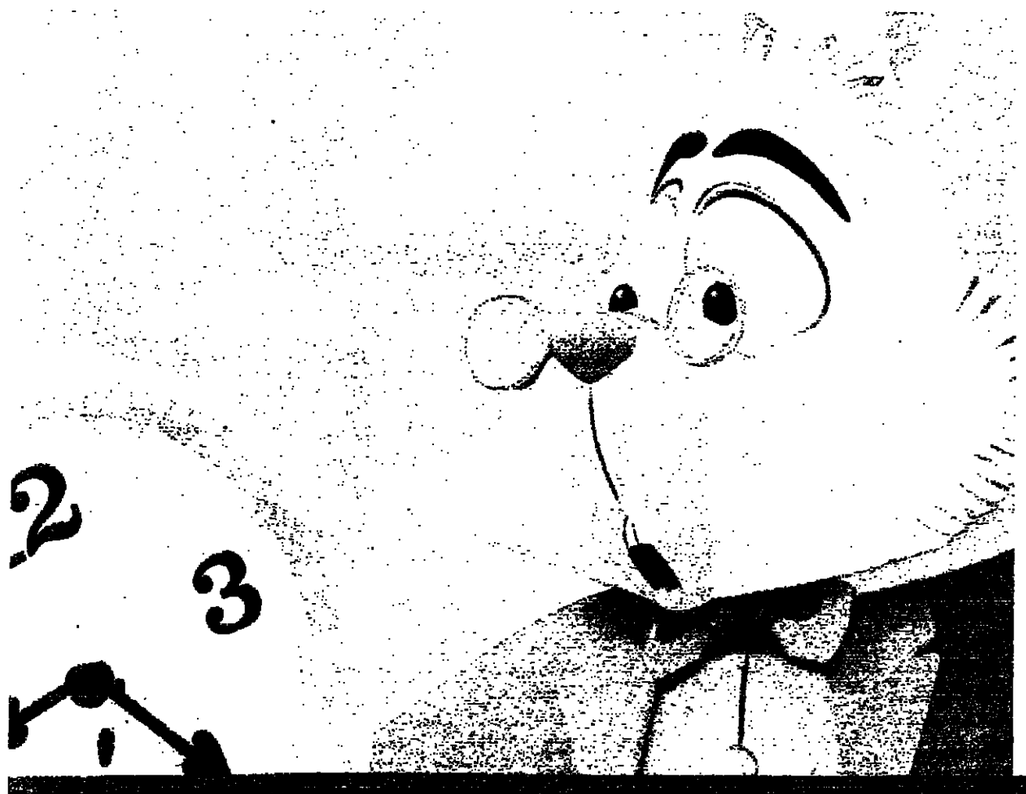
REACTION

UKRAINE and other former Soviet republics enthusiastically welcomed the re-election of President Yeltsin and the defeat of Gennadi Zhuganov, the Communist candidate, in Russia's run-off presidential elections.

Russia's neighbours had been watching the presidential campaign apprehensively. Mr Zhuganov was widely perceived as a threat to individual republics' democratic and market economy reforms. President Kuchma of Ukraine sent a congratulatory telegram to Mr Yeltsin yesterday and told parliamentary deputies that the Russians had irrevocably picked democracy stability and reform.

Oleksandr Yemets, a Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister, called Mr Yeltsin's victory "a real step towards the end of communism in Europe" and "the last of the last Communist hopes for the recreation of the USSR". President Snegur of Moldavia said: "The start of democracy and economic reforms in Russia are linked with Yeltsin's name." President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan hailed the result as "a common victory for Russians, who have chosen to surge ahead".

President Lukashenko of Belorussia also sent Mr Yeltsin a congratulatory telegram, emphasising that the process of integration of the two countries would continue.



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Saddam's sex pest son blamed for woman's suicide

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

UNWANTED sexual advances by President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Uday, have driven a young woman to suicide, dissidents said yesterday. Under "great psychological pressure", Bushra Abdul Ghani, "regarded as one of the most beautiful women at Baghdad University", reportedly set fire to herself at her family home in the Iraqi capital.

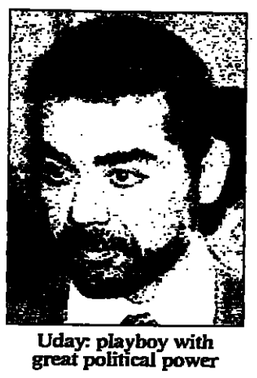
According to one version of events circulating in Baghdad, Uday, a 32-year-old multimillionaire playboy with immense political power, first tried to seduce Ms Ghani by offering her a job at one of his many offices. When she refused, his henchmen repeatedly harassed her on the campus. Her family pleaded in vain with police to end "this daily pursuit" before she killed herself last month.

Independent Iraqi sources and Western diplomats in Jordan could not confirm the reports but said they were "entirely plausible". Tales of Uday's violence and licentiousness are legion in Baghdad. A self-confessed murderer, he once shot an army officer in a Baghdad nightclub who objected to his flirting with his wife.

When Latif Yahia, often used as Uday's stand-in at official events, defected after the Gulf War he told of Nahla Thabet, a Baghdad University student who complained to her friends that Uday had abused her. Mr Yahia said he was among a group at Uday's farm outside Baghdad that saw Ms Thabet stripped, covered in honey and mauled to death by three starving Dobermann pinschers.

Uday's violence also drove away his wife, whom he is said to have frequently battered. She is Uday's first cousin — the daughter of Barzan al-Ibrahim, one of Saddam's three half-brothers who lives in Geneva.

In 1988, Uday's temper led to a rare but explosive rift with his father when, in a drunken rage, he clubbed to death Saddam's favourite retainer at a party thrown for Suzanne Mubarak, the wife of the Egyptian President. Uday, out of loyalty to his mother, loathed the retainer, Kamel Hanna, because he served as the go-between for Saddam's mistress. Saddam astonished the Arab world by sentencing Uday to death, but then banished him to Geneva for six weeks.



Uday: playboy with great political power

Uday's rehabilitation was rapid after the Gulf War when he rapidly acquired a host of titles which, together with control of a growing media empire and a privotal role in the black market, enabled him to penetrate society at all levels. He is effectively in charge of the ministries of defence, oil and industry and personally commands an elite unit of 30,000 troops.

Uday's rise to the position of Saddam's heir apparent has made Iraq more unpredictable than ever. He is blamed for the periodic stand-offs with United Nations weapons inspectors, arguing that co-operation has done nothing to ease the embargo.

Many Iraqis believe Uday is deranged, and fear and loathe him more than his father. Aware of his son's unpopularity, Saddam has made cosmetic attempts to curb Uday's extravagant lifestyle while millions are suffering under sanctions.



The end of the White House but the start of a July 4 fightback against alien spacecraft in *Independence Day*, a new film thrilling America

Sci-fi blockbuster blows away box-office records

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

MILLIONS of Americans celebrated Independence Day yesterday by watching the destruction of New York, Washington and Los Angeles, a nuclear explosion over Houston, and the White House exploding in a fireball.

The makers of *Independence Day* always aimed to make the release of this latest sci-fi blockbuster a national event, not just another movie opening, and they succeeded spectacularly. Cinemas stayed open round the clock to cater for the massive demand. In cities people queued for hours to get tickets and even 4am performances were packed. President Clinton hosted a special White House screening and sat next to actor Bill Pullman, who plays the fictional President. The $70 million (£45 million) movie officially opened at 6pm on Tuesday evening and by the following morning had earned 20th Century Fox more than $11 million (£7 million). According to the *Hollywood Reporter*, there is now "unanimous agreement" that by Sunday evening the film will have shattered the record for a five-day opening of $52.3 million set by *Terminator 2* in 1991.

The gloriously corny movie tells how 15-mile-wide alien spaceships arrive and settle over scores of the world's major cities in preparation for their destruction. Their very first victims are the idiots who rush to the top of an LA skyscraper with welcome signs. They then pulverise America's three main cities, the President narrowly escaping as Air Force One races the giant waves of fire billowing outwards from the capital. Some audiences in this disgruntled country cheer the sight of the White House exploding, but not in Washington where the scene is too close to home.

President Whitmore does not just feel America's pain. He does something about it. A computer nerd feeds a virus into the alien mothership's control system, briefly disabling the whole fleet's defences. The President — who just happens to be a former fighter pilot — then personally leads a worldwide air attack on the enemy spacecraft that destroys them with seconds to spare. Some Presidents will do anything to win re-election.

One reason for the film's success is its brilliant marketing. The teaser-trailers, which began at Christmas, showed the White House explosion above the caption: "On July 2 they arrive, on July 3 they attack, and on July 4 we fight back." A single television advertisement during January's Super Bowl urged 100 million viewers: "Enjoy the Super Bowl. It may be your last." On Memorial Day in May, four helicopters towed 100ft-long banners over Los Angeles that read: "No warning. No negotiation. No Los Angeles."

Governor is poised to challenge Perot

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

RICHARD LAMM, former Governor of Colorado, is expected to add a new twist to America's presidential election next week by announcing his candidacy for the presidential nomination of Ross Perot's new Reform Party.

Mr Lamm has called a press conference at the University of Colorado for Tuesday, and has reportedly made up his mind to run, whether or not that means directly challenging Mr Perot.

The Texas billionaire, whose independent candidacy attracted 19 million votes in 1992, would almost certainly win the party nomination if he sought it, but has long claimed to have little appetite for a second White House bid.

Most commentators have treated that claim with scepticism, but Mr Lamm insists "there is over a 50 per cent chance that Ross Perot should be taken at his word" because "he's trying to form a movement that's bigger than himself".

Mr Lamm, who is 60, first signalled his interest in the nomination when he delivered a well-received speech to the Reform Party's California branch in June.

On the face of it, he could represent a much bigger threat to the two established parties than Mr Perot. He has none of the Texan's crankiness and much more political experience, having run Colorado from 1975 to 1987. He also has a coherent platform that stresses fiscal austerity, social tolerance, campaign finance reform and environmentalism. However, Mr Lamm would, if nominated, need millions of dollars to mount a credible campaign, and that could well prove an insuperable problem. The Federal Election Commission said Mr Perot, as presidential nominee, would be eligible for $30 million (£19.7 million) in public funds on the strength of his 1992 performance.

But the commission has yet to decide whether another Reform Party candidate would qualify for that money, and campaign finance laws would prevent Mr Perot funding Mr Lamm from his personal fortune. The Reform Party will send a questionnaire to its 1.3 million members next week, asking which candidate they wish to nominate.

Saudis target 'foreigners'

London: Muhammad al-Masari, the Islamic dissident from Saudi Arabia living in Britain, said yesterday that bombers in Saudi Arabia tried to blow up a supermarket used by American civilians three days before the Dhahran blast that killed 19 US servicemen (Michael Binyon writes).

At a joint press conference, Omar Bakri Muhammad, a radical Islamic ally, said attacks would be increased if America did not leave, adding: "We believe that all foreign forces in the country are legitimate targets."

Sharon awarded defence role

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S Cabinet will today be asked to approve a superministry that will bring Ariel Sharon, the nation's best-known hawk, back into Government. His role will include overseeing planned roads for Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank and advising on counter-terrorist policies.

The expected approval of the post, accepted in principle by the burly former general, 68, will increase anxiety in the Arab world over Israeli settlement plans. It will also make it harder for Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, to convince American opinion about the pragmatism of his administration when he visits Washington next week.

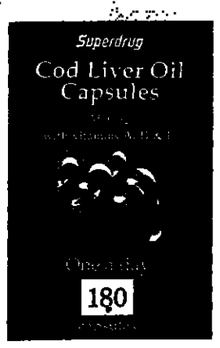
In a statement yesterday, Mr Netanyahu's office said the Prime Minister would this morning propose the creation of a Ministry of Infrastructure with Mr Sharon in charge. It confirmed he would also play an important role in shaping defence policy.

Israeli commentators interpreted the statement — issued after all-night crisis coalition talks prompted by David Levy, the Foreign Minister, who threatened to resign if Mr Sharon was not given a Cabinet seat — as indicating the former minister would have a place in Mr Netanyahu's influential inner-security Cabinet. As well as Cabinet approval, the new portfolio must be approved by the Knesset — possibly on Monday.

Yesterday Mr Netanyahu, trying to soften his image, announced he was ready to meet President Assad of Syria in an attempt to secure "peace with security". Diplomats expect the move to be rebuffed.

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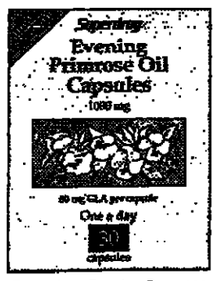
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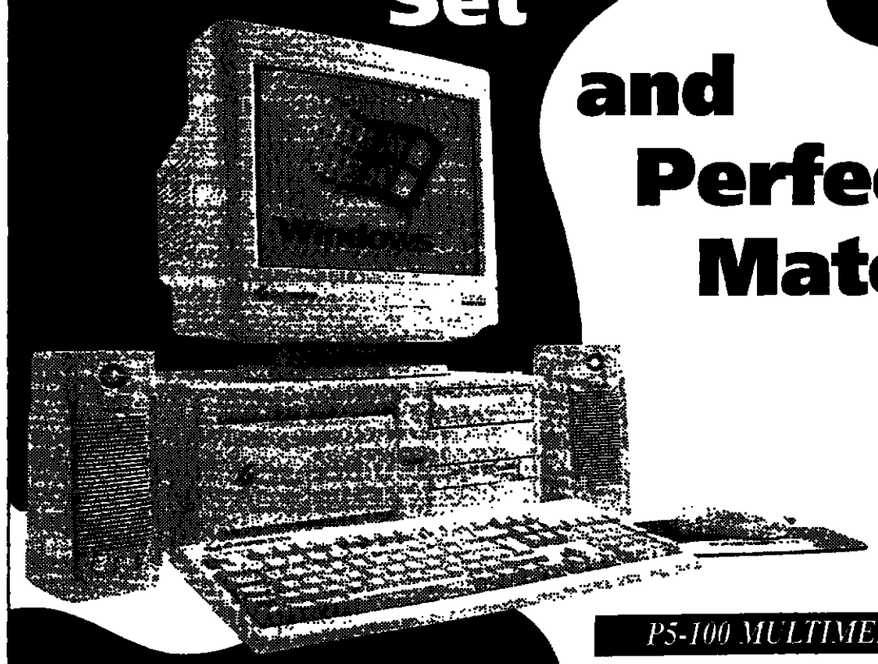
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To sing or not to sing?

What were people to do when Cliff Richard picked up the mike and burst into song on a washed-out Centre Court, asks **Joe Joseph**



In the court of Sir Cliff: backed by tennis stars, Cliff sings some of his most famous hits to the crowd at a rain-soaked Wimbledon Centre Court

When you're sitting on Wimbledon's Centre Court and the skies crack open, and the players skulk back to their changing rooms, and you start pleading for the sun to shine again because you don't want the bored BBC cameraman to pan across the crowd on to you, so alerting your boss to the fact that you haven't in fact contracted 24-hour beriberi, the one prayer that never leaps to your lips is, "Please God, don't let Cliff Richard appear in the royal box and sing a 1960s medley".

From now on, of course, you'll know better.

Anyone who saw England getting kicked out of the Euro 96 football championship by Germany last week knows that sport is a cruel lottery. Just how cruel we only fully grasped when we realised that Bob Dylan, Mick Jagger and the Gallagher boys from Oasis aren't that big fans of tennis, and that fickle old fate had abandoned us on Centre Court with only Sir Cliff in a check jacket and high spirits.

So in Britain's hour of need, Sir Cliff was there, just as he was there below the balcony of Buckingham Palace on VE-Day to sing *Con-grat-ul-a-a-a-a-tions*. This is either a sign that Sir Cliff is a man you can count on in a crisis, or a man who needs to find something useful to fill the gaps in his day.

It's not as if the Wimbledon audience has been stationed in Kuwait for four months and needs cheering up by a showbiz delegation from ENSA. Nor that Sir Cliff was any better equipped than anyone else to step into the breach.

Joanna Lumley was also sitting on Centre Court looking anxious, in a Patsy sort of way, at all this enforced jollity and at how everyone was being cajoled into joining in. Did Sir Cliff have any more reason to serenade us with his middle-of-the-road music, his granary-bread wholesomeness, and his hips, than Lumley would have had to deliver a monologue from *Absolutely Fabulous*, or a medley of her voice-overs for television commercials?

The Duke of Kent was also in the royal box. Why didn't he scintillate the crowd with some inside information on the House of Windsor and whether a £20 million divorce settlement between Charles and Di was really imminent?

In the players' box was the blonde model girlfriend of Richard Krajicek, the Dutchman who was two sets ahead of Pete Sampras when rain had stopped play: she could have given us a brief catwalk show. Martina Navratilova could have read aloud from her autobiography. But all these people had the good grace to stay in their seats.

Only Sir Cliff was blind to the knowledge that anyone who really wanted to hear him singing *Bachelor Boy, All Shook Up, Summer Holiday, The Young Ones, Living Doll* and *Congrat-ul-a-a-a-a-tions* would have stayed at home, put on a pair of Cuban heels, played their *Shadows Greatest Hits* on their Dansettes and privately transported themselves back to an era when they were still naive enough to think that going on a summer holiday with Cliff Richard might be fun.



Royal duty: the Duke of Kent sings along, Prince Michael simply smiles



Breaking ranks: Corporal Lorna Ward joins the impromptu singsong

When several women players — Navratilova, Pam Shriver, Gigi Fernandez, Conchita Martinez and Virginia Wade among them — came out as a sort of backing band, the rest of the crowd felt pressured into joining in the communal singing and rhythmic handclapping: the Duke of Kent, *noblesse oblige* and all that, clapped along. Prince Michael, possibly anticipating royalties from the video rights of Sir Cliff's impromptu concert, sang along. Soon, like falling dominoes, most of the spectators were singing too. Sir Cliff even took army corporal Lorna Ward of 238 (London) Signals Squadron, who had been guarding the royal box, hostage *pour encourager les autres* in the crowd who might be holding back.

Sadly, Britain has become desensitised to the noise of communal singing, having spent the past few weeks watching tens of thousands of throaty soccer supporters sing in unison on the terraces. But soccer and rugby matches are among the very few occasions, other than in a church or synagogue, where it is acceptable to inflict communal singing on others.

Should you join in? As a general rule, you should only sing aloud at Wimbledon if Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has decided to cast the chorus of his next musical while watching the men's singles on Centre Court. The only other permissible circumstance is if you are being held captive by ruthless guerrillas who have selected public singing as part of the humiliation to which they are subjecting you.

Contrary to popular belief, "joining in" is not a sign of a willing spirit. People keen to join in anything going will, sooner or later, just embarrass themselves. Look at David Mellor.

No doubt there will be those such as Lord Parkinson — who hailed Sir Cliff's performance as "really terrific" — who will argue generously that the Peter Pan of pop was just helping out by doing what he knows best. But how much more public-spirited it would have been if an accountant in the crowd had offered to fill in everyone's self-assessment tax returns during the break, or a doctor had volunteered to put a stethoscope to that wheezy chest of yours.

Of course, it could have been worse. It could have been Des O'Connor. But that is missing the point, which is to make sure that Sir Cliff doesn't stray again. This is a man who, when commenting on Madonna's sex-soaked image, once snapped: "I could do a nude video and I would be the biggest thing that ever happened in Britain."

Just imagine if one day he finds himself at Pinewood during a downpour and feels duty bound to cheer up an idle film crew. Crikey!

Losing! What we do best

Winning isn't everything, says **Tunku Varadarajan**

Henman has lost. Thank God. We should now scuttle back, relieved, to the usual Wimbledon certitudes. Only players called Goran, Andre, Boris, Steffi, Arantxa or Conchita are supposed to win. Players called Tim are definitely not. Don't ask me why, it's just the natural order of the racket and grass at London SW19.

Henman was Superman for a while, all Britannia his Lois Lane. Todd Martin, for sure, had other ideas, and Henman is once more back to being the tennis-playing son of an Oxfordshire solicitor. He has had a better tournament than last year, hitting many more aces than ballgirls. But for all the trumpet-words and the proud British gush, he is just not a top-drawer tennis menace.

People will now say that they do not mind that Henman lost to a ruthless, big-serving, 6ft 6in American hulk. A stoic Wimbledonian version of "the boy done well" will be mumbled into the strawberries.

Lies, lies, lies! The truth, of course, is that they *do* mind. The nation is gutted. Not as profoundly as after the football war against the jammy Germans, but still gutted. (However beastly his first serve, young Todd Martin does not arouse the same passions in the British breast as the Kaiser and Adolf. Did any tabloid scream "Spank the Yank" before the match?)



Henman: good loser

It is strange, but the British appear to have forgotten how to take defeat: strange, because our sportsmen lose very, very often. Football, tennis, boxing, hockey, badminton, cricket or rugby — you name it, we've lost at it. Yet whereas once upon a time we took defeat in our stride, today we gnash our chocolate-stained teeth in anger and wring our hands in despair. "Why do we always have to bloody lose?" we ask.

Take the Henman case. Why all the triumphalism? All the young man had done was to play well above himself. And since two of his matches had been against other British players, they didn't really count. The healthy approach would have been to enjoy his flukey, uncomplicated progress to the quarter-finals without asking for the earth.

Instead, since we *wanted* him to win so badly, we gorged ourselves on the clotted cream of speculation, forgetting that defeat would lead to indigestion. The sweet memory of Roger Taylor was exhumed and Henman was tied to the country's history.

Well, he lost. He did his best. England lost to Germany, and they did their best as well. That's enough. Isn't it? For many of us it seems not. In one generation we have gone from being unshowy in victory and gracious in defeat to being exultant, boastful (occasional) victors and grumbling, whining losers.

Our sportsmen are not like that, of course, and still play their games as they should be played. Frank Bruno, Will Carling, even Paul Gascoigne are gentlemen in defeat, shaking hands and swapping strips with those who were better on the day. To that list we should now add Tim Henman, game trier, good loser. A very British tennis player. Why can't those who watch the game be more like him?

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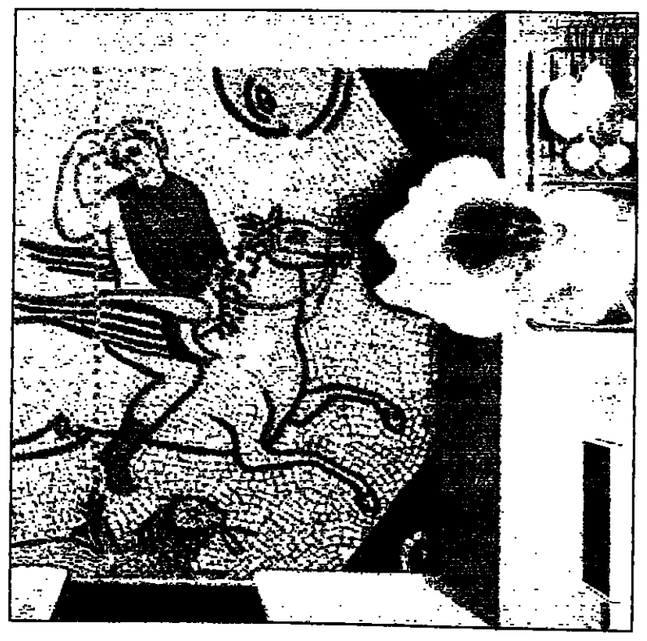
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Deborah Moggach in her Hampstead cottage: "You start by quoting Baudelaire and you end up buying bin-liners"

'It's not sex, it's the domestic impulse that's the problem'

Deborah Moggach, partner of the late *Times* cartoonist Mel Calman, believes that humour is the key to survival in a step-family

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



The cartoons on this page will be auctioned, among others, on Monday for the National Step-family Association (NSA). Why the link between step-families and cartoons? Because jokes can defuse fraught situations — as the novelist Deborah Moggach, whose late partner was *The Times*'s cartoonist Mel Calman, points out.

"After divorce, the first thing that deserts people is the very thing they need most — a sense of humour."

As she says, we can do little to stop people deciding to divorce. "It's like a crumbling building: dislodge the bottom brick and the edifice comes down pretty fast." Making divorce easier or harder by cooling-off periods and counselling is irrelevant compared with the aftermath, which is largely about what becomes of children in step-families: there are two million such children now and they could one day be in a majority.

"What happens when you introduce somebody else into your family life? You've chosen him, but your children haven't, nor has he chosen them. And so off you go again with this crew of mutinous sailors.

"I knew Mel and I wouldn't last a month if we shacked up together with my two children. They were always at their most mulish when he arrived and would leave their disgusting mess just where he wanted to be."

So when she left her husband, she and the children moved into the next street in Camden Town. Calman kept his flat in Soho. "People rush into bed together but they also rush into domesticity. One minute they meet across a crowded room, and the next minute they're in Habitat; it's not the sexual impulse, it's the domestic impulse that's the problem. You start by quoting Baudelaire and you end up buying bin-liners.

"If the new man remains a guest in your house, he behaves quite differently: guests thank you for a meal, guests are nice to children — and very important, children are nice to guests. So everyone behaves better."

Her children's habit of leaving the top off the toothpaste tube boiled up into an issue, she says, until Mel Calman defused it with a cartoon of a toothpaste tube saying to its cap: "Come back, all is forgiven."

Ms Moggach recently opened the Cartoon Art Trust's exhibition of step-family cartoons along with Cate Haste, chairman of the National Step-family Association, who as Mrs Melvyn Bragg is stepmother to the daughter of Bragg's first marriage.

One cartoon shows a Burgerama on a Sunday. At every table sits a father and child: "Order what you like, kids." "Can I have a go-kart for my birthday?" "Sure." "Dad, can you take us to EuroDisney?" "Son, I'd like you to meet Debbie." "Shall we go to the zoo today?" "Nah, mummy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow." "How's Mum's new, er . . . friend?" And so on.

Moggach knows divorce from every angle. Her parents, the writers Richard and Charlotte Hough, divorced 17 years ago; her former husband's father married four times, and when she met Calman he was "a battered veteran of two marriages" with two daughters, Claire and Stephanie. She knows how exhausting it is trying to keep lover and children amicable. "Mel could make them laugh and draw them funny birthday cards, and we all got on terribly well, on holiday — away-from-home territory."

Divorce makes children helpless, she says. "Ideally, they should live close enough to drop in on the ex, and do their homework or retreat there from a quarrel, so they don't become carrier-bag children waiting for the father's arrival from his bedsitter. And he need not become this uncle-like figure who takes them out to the zoo at weekends and spoils them out of guilt. Life isn't treats and expeditions, it's breakfast, and talking on the stairs, and shouting up the stairs.

"You can't pretend to love stepchildren the way you love your own. You can be something different, and very loving — but they haven't got your first visceral loyalty."

Through Stephanie Calman, Moggach's daughter Lottie began writing for *Stepladder*, the newsletter of the NSA: she reviewed Anne Fine's novel *Goggle Eyes*, which dealt robustly with step-family tensions, and which Moggach turned into a TV serial that touched a nerve.

Moggach's own novels deal with wit and compassion with contemporary themes: ex-wives, tug-of-love children, surrogate motherhood. She has just delivered her next: *Close Relations*, about three sisters whose father has a heart attack, falls in love with his young black nurse and runs away with her.

His wife is released like a cannon to wreak havoc in the daughters' lives: one lives with a lesbian gardener in Hackney; one is having an affair with her married publisher boss; the third lives a perfect life in Beaconsfield with a Smallbone kitchen, ruched curtains, venture capitalist husband — and teenagers. "My usual stuff squared: a great stew about what a mess all our lives are."

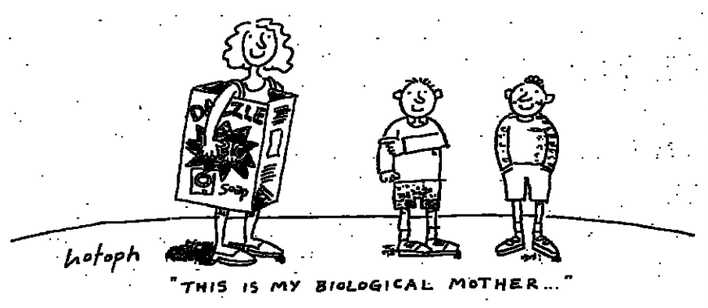
She likes the idea of an end-of-marriage ceremony to acknowledge that although no longer husband and wife, a divorced couple are still forever parents. "It sounds creepily Californian and embarrassing — but the thought behind it is terribly important, especially as we attach so much importance to the ritual of marriage. As with death, a ceremony is important. With lots of jokes, of course."

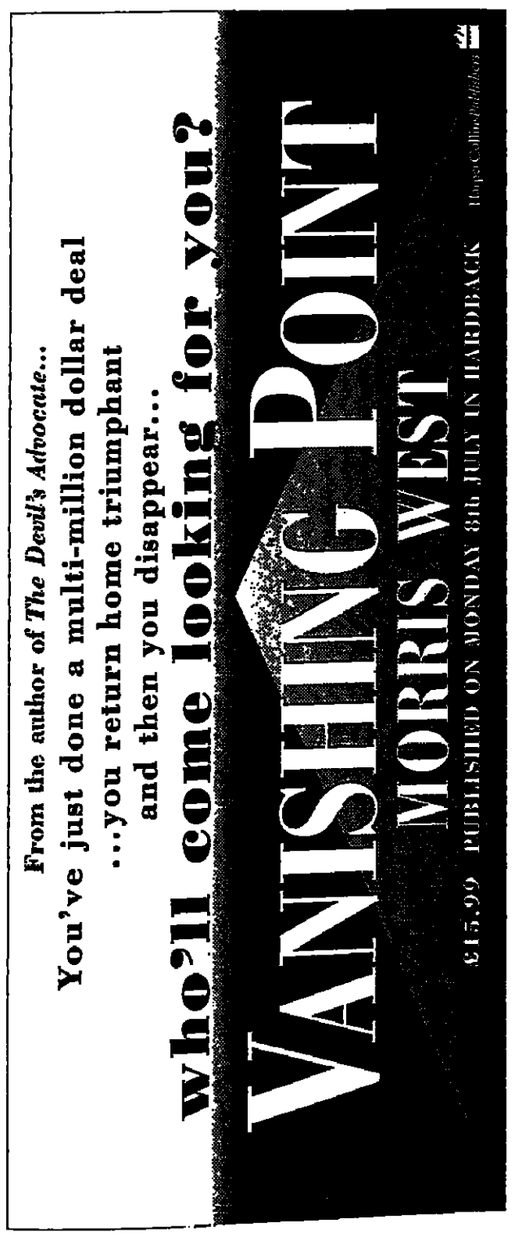
Ms Moggach's laugh-a-minute performance at Mel Calman's 1994 memorial gathering (at the Cartoon Museum) was unforgettable for its jokes. As she said about Mel's death — which happened at the Odeon, Leicester Square during a film — she longed to tell him about it, as he would have enjoyed it so much.

She has rebuilt her life at 48 in a blissful Hampstead cottage with a charming young Hungarian artist in residence. "He is nearer to my own children in age," she says, speaking above the singing of the crickets she keeps as pets in her bedroom, "so I'm the odd one out in the house now."

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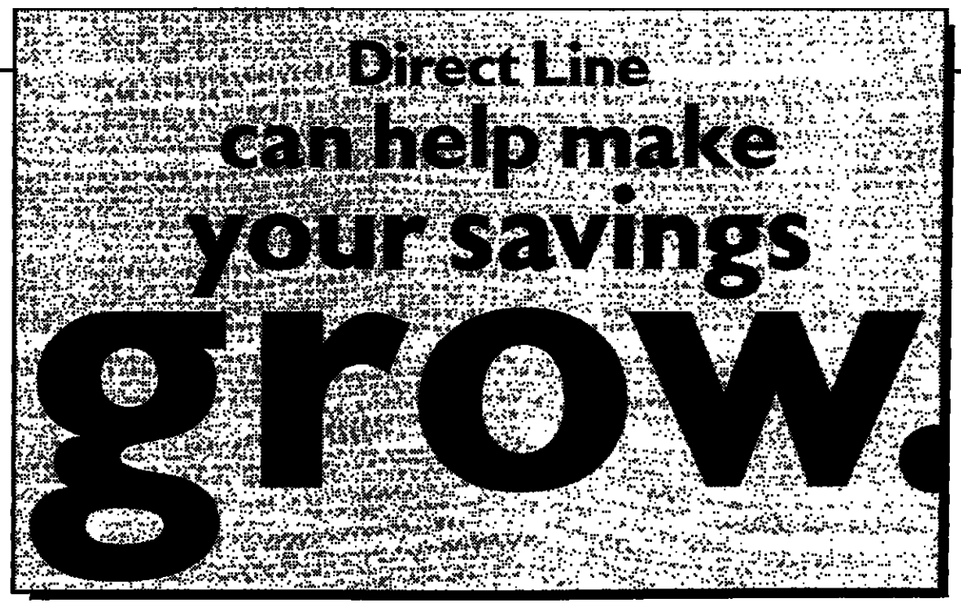
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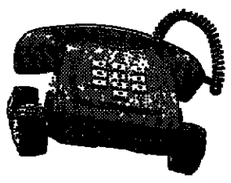
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Philip Howard



■ To the knights errant of our time: off your bikes!

The motorcycle is the supercharger of the 20th century. Motorcyclists who do not wear helmets should have their heads examined. And they usually do. Children envy the vroom-vroom speed and swagger of the biker as they used to admire the snorts, curves and explosive back legs of war-horses. "A gentle bike [rather than knight] was pricking on the plain." Both bike and horse represent power and status, and react in unexpected ways when mounted by the inexperienced.

So the decision of the Italian Government to abolish the motorcycle escorts for VIPs and wannabe and putative VIPs reduces the pageantry of status, though it will make the streets of Rome and Milan safer and quieter. Government ministers and senior officials are being told to use public transport instead of their black stretch limos with outriders on motorbikes, sirens screaming and lights flashing. This is admirably egalitarian. It is gratifying when the great and the good have to endure the horrors of public transport. And it may be good for them.

No nonsense about democracy and humility in Paris or New York when the visiting President with a violent Opposition comes to town. Whole sections of the cities are closed off, while 200 bikers in power uniforms, with sirens trumpeting, roar him through.

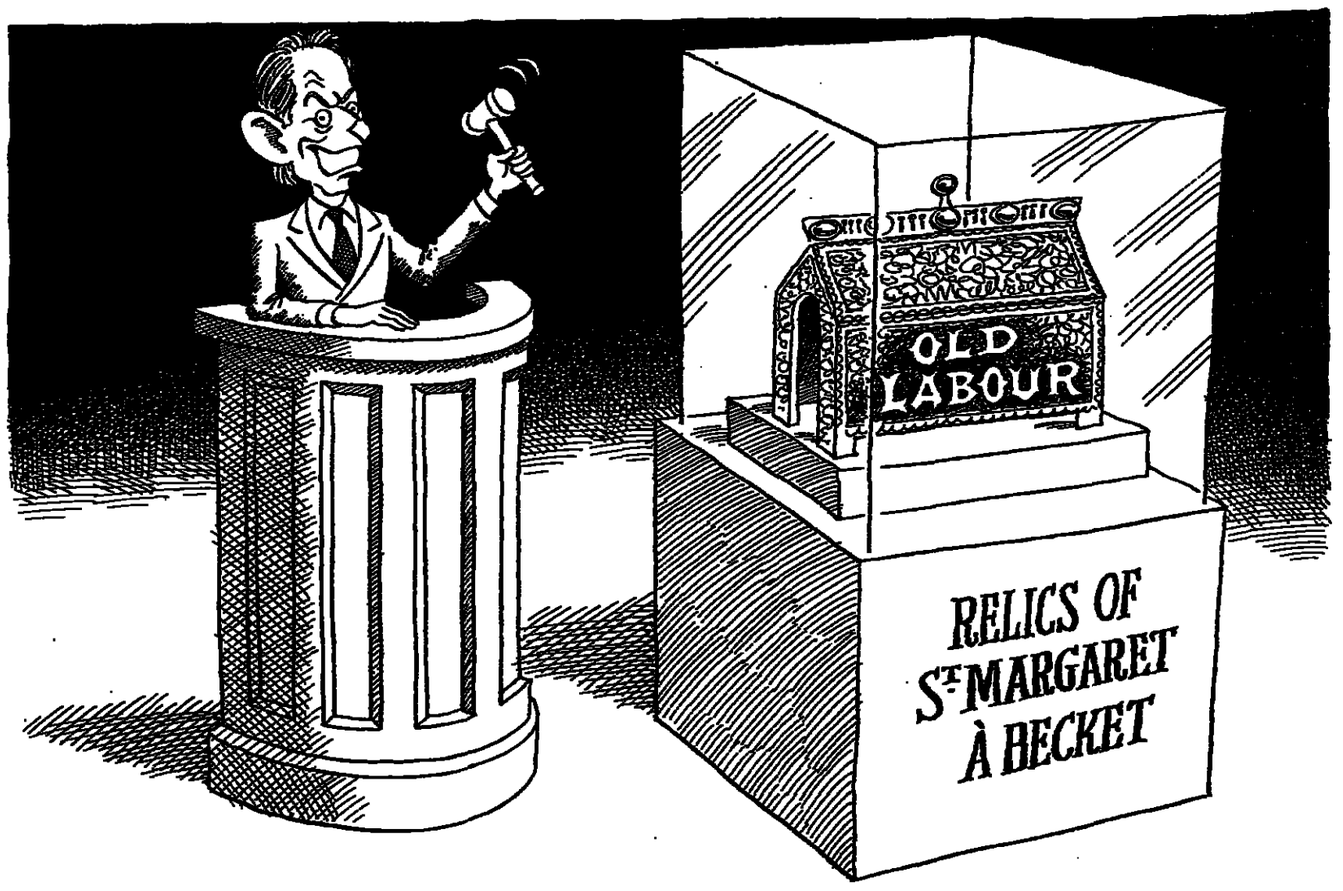
But the motorcycle escort is a profoundly unBritish thing. Even the Queen does not get one, and has to make do with the Household Cavalry. The jingling of their harness is quieter than the sirens of the superchargers, and their pollution is friendlier to the roses than the exhaust. In Britain there is uproar when a state visitor or garden party adds to the horrors of the rush hour. And we are suspicious of any police car, ambulance or fire engine sounding its siren, meanly wondering whether this signals a real emergency or merely juvenile self-importance.

Motorcycle escorts in shiny leathers and high boots make a foreign and faintly Fascist ostentation of power. The last remnant of his royalty that King Lear tried to cling on to was his escort of 100 knights as outriders. And look what good that did him. English medieval history is a story of monarchs trying to curb the dangerous status of VIPs with their equivalent of liveried outriders. The British are not nicer or more democratic than other races. But we have longer experience of controlling the dangerous roaring bikers.

And our VIPs are at heart no more eager than the Italians to give up their fasces of authority. The difference is that in our case, the symbols are more discreet and more useful, and less vexatious to the man in the street. The one privatisation that never stood a chance was the privatisation or removal of official cars. Our MPs are no keener than the Italians to give up their free train and plane passes, or their privileged parking in desirable places.

And the English instinct against swagger by Our Masters is democratic. It would do some of them good to travel on the Underground in the rush hour, to teach them that we were not sent into the world entirely for pleasure. But the levelling instinct that denies authority all its perks has been taken too far in Britain, though not yet in Italy. It is good that some hospitals are bringing back the archetypal Nanny figure, the matron, usually played by Hattie Jacques. She was formidable, but she had a heart of stainless steel, and introduced some order into the chaos of the National Health Service. It is good news that some of the privatised railway lines are bringing back that other figure of authority in funny livery, the station master. He was played by Bernard Cribbins or Will Hay, in a constant state of chassis. He looked ridiculous in bowler hat or Ruritanian admiral's cap covered in scrambled egg. But he looked as though he was in charge, and could answer such questions as "Does this train stop at Ayr?" with some reassurance such as "Well, if it doesn't, there's going to be one hell of a splash." His return is a good example of a privatised industry responding to popular demand.

British authority symbols are more useful than bikes.



"Going, going...." Peter Brookes 5 VII 96

Because I'm a Londoner

Why does the capital exert such a hold over its natives? It has all that life can afford — and much that it cannot

Bernard Levin

Not long ago, our brother *The Sunday Times* (which will need a wheelbarrow for the customers if it gets much thicker) included an extra section, called *Rural Living*. These specials have a sensible purpose; in this one they were offering much interesting matter about those who live in the country. *Rural Living*, which means the buying and selling of properties in the country, is lavishly sprinkled with photographs, all tempting and with not a cloud in the sky, and one of the photographs tells of a family which was looking for a truly rural retreat — with no traffic, no noise, even no neighbours. Yes, many would like such a home, but where to find one? A rather difficult, even desperate, search is likely to follow, but the family seeking their bliss will sooner or later find what they are looking for, because *Rural Living* is always at the elbows of the seekers. From the photographs (try as I might, as I shuffled the pictures, I could see only one family leaning on a fence, and in that one nobody was sucking a straw), an outdoor life is a happy one, a satisfied one, a charming one. Of course, the booklet was sprinkled with pictures of rural homes, for the pages were strewn with the selling and buying of country homes. But one family, living happily and rurally in Norfolk, put a toe in what they had left some years ago.

> Last week we spent a couple of days in London and renewed our acquaintance with the morning and evening rush hours. Only three years after it had been a regular feature of our lives, it felt like an encounter with madness: grey faces glazed with exhaustion, hideous smells, an unthinking me-first ethic that might have been learned from wildebeest.

Very well. The rural delights beckon, and as you see, those who have chosen such a life are happy amid the alien corn. And indeed, it must be a wonderful life. But allow me, however oddly, to say that if I had to live in the country — even among the happiest and the most beautiful scenery — I would be unhappy in a week, mad in a month, dead and buried in a year, and a moaning ghost for ever more. For I am a Londoner — born, living, to my last breath — and I cannot finish this sentence without repeating the famous words: "When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life: for there is in London all that life can afford."

Let me start where I started. A schoolboy of 14, I had already soaked myself in Shakespeare, and I was about to meet him in the flesh. Well, not quite the flesh, but the glorious teams of actors and actresses that filled my hours, my pocket-money and my dreams. I would get up at dawn, scuttle away to St Martin's Lane (the Old Vic had been bombed and was still dangerous), and queue for Olivier, with Gielgud over the road at the Haymarket. (The wily Levin could always find a partner to queue with, so we alternated getting a frugal breakfast at the Lyons Corner House.) But where would I find such treasure trove if not London?

I came to music later, but the principle was the same; from Beecham to Furtwängler, and from Solomon to Backhaus. I still remember Solomon, one of the greatest of all pianists — he would not use any forename, but would only answer to "Solomon". (He had a cruel ending; a stroke paralysed his hands, but he lived for many more frustrated years.)

Theatre and music; nowhere in the world — literally nowhere — is there such an abundance of these glories. London, and nowhere else, can offer such a variety of music every day, and as for theatre, in London the customers still have a choice among something like 40 stages.

Very well; there are people who have no interest in music or theatre (I have to say that they must be very odd). So what? Go down to the edge of Trafalgar Square; all you need to do is turn your head, and you will see Big Ben on one side and the wonderful spire of St Martin-in-the-Fields on the other. Dammit, it is only a handful of steps to revel in the majesty of Westminster Abbey. And not many more steps to St Paul's Cathedral.

Yes, yes, there are wonderful buildings strewn all over our country (you could start with Lincoln Cathedral), yet nowhere but in my beloved London is there such profusion. As for major art galleries, they crowd out the town. And there is a clue; when there is a major art show in the town — my town, my London town — is almost overnight packed out with people coming *from* their homes *to* the wonder that is on show.

Yes, of course it is shocking that almost everything that everyone wishes to see is in London; why should the rest of the country go bare? It shouldn't, but there it is, my London, never to be removed.

There is crime in my London, and I am ashamed of it; but the experts tell me that there is serious crime in almost all great cities, and London cannot take all the blame. There is dirt in my London, but I have to say that when I take a deep breath of filth I am happy to know that it is my London's filth, and not the namby-pamby stuff they breathe in Bournemouth.

And what about our river? Our winding, handsome, sparkling river? It is steadily getting cleaner, and soon we shall be able to eat the Thames fish. (I am no birdwatcher, but I love the pigeons' burbling on my window-sill, another mark of my London.)

As for the architecture, where else in the world can you see a building so extravagantly lunatic, so wonderfully lop-sided, so grandly useless, so hugely absurd than Tower Bridge? London, of course. (Which reminds me of that infinitely moving moment at Winston Churchill's funeral, when, as the boat took to the water, every one of the mighty cranes simultaneously dipped their jibs in salute. *That* is what my London means.)

And what about the roads, with their names etched for ever in my heart: Regent Street, the Mall, Harley Street, Whitehall, Drury Lane, Aldgate, Oxford Street, Whitechapel, Piccadilly, and — a roll of drums please, drummer — *The Strand*. Oh, go away, New York, with your soulless miles of numbers and nothing else. I am talking about my beloved London, with its years-old, decades-old, hundreds of years old place-names. Once, when I was going to Canada, the friendly official at the desk took my passport, and when he asked where I lived, I said "London". He looked up, and smiled, saying, "I guess you mean the big one", and I felt a glow, for indeed he meant the big one.

If you go back many centuries you may be puzzled as to why London became the greatest town. I am not entirely sure myself but I suppose it stemmed from the flow of the Thames, which allowed wooden bridges. What is certain is that once *London*, or *Londinium* to be exact, had made its mark, there was no argument. (I'm glad — just suppose that it had turned out to be called Billingsgate — all right in its proper place, but not for the greatest of all British names.)

Oh, London, my London, so generous that it can allow the horror of the South Bank buildings, and indeed it can tolerate even the Barbican Centre. (No it can't; have you ever seen anything in the world as hideous as the new Barbican carpet?)

My university was, naturally, LSE, and you can't get closer to the heart of London than that. King's College was only across the road, and we frequently lined up at its gates to sing rude songs. Do students sing rude songs any more? I fear not.

At one moment Cambridge beckoned, and I had heard of its beauty. But even if it had been Oxford or Cambridge I would have packed my bags for London as soon as my three university years were finished; the gene had got into my blood, and has never got out, nor will it ever do so. London, my London, I shall live and die a Londoner. It is not for the catalogue of things that can only be found or bought in London. It is not for the large number of my friends who are also Londoners. It is not for pride when I say I am a Londoner. It is that my heart beats only to the tune of London — grime, crowding, fear, prices, foreigners and all.

Not even the Albert Memorial. Nay, even that white and gold Thing in front of Buckingham Palace. Now will you believe me when I say I am truly a Londoner?

Therapy instead of morality

Jonathan Sacks

on Archbishop Carey's debate

Today the Archbishop of Canterbury will introduce a debate in the House of Lords on the state of morality in Britain. No sooner had it been announced than one peer predicted that it would be "a self-indulgent farce". Morality, he said, should be left to individuals' consciences.

For the past few years, academics, commentators and politicians have sounded warnings about the moral condition of Western liberal democracies. They point to the disintegration of the traditional family, the rise in divorce, the increase in alcoholism, drug abuse and violent crime, especially among the young. Unable to trace this to economic causes, they conclude that it has to do with cultural factors, not least a profound public confusion about morality.

The argument has not been confined to religious leaders. In the United States, it has been led by academics of the stature of Michael Sandel (author of *Democracy's Discontent*), James Q. Wilson (author of *The Moral Sense*) and Alasdair MacIntyre (author of *Beyond Virtue*). In Britain it has been echoed by political thinkers as varied as John Gray, Melanie Phillips and Roger Scruton. Collectively they suggest that our future wellbeing may depend as much on the health of our moral institutions as on our economic and political structures.

The difficulty about such debates, though, is that as soon as we search for a moral consensus we discover that there is none, or at least too little to be of interest. The public is profoundly divided on subjects like abortion and euthanasia, or the nature of the family. To make matters worse, the media have a way of undermining public pronouncements on moral issues. Religious leaders are accused of judgmentalism, political leaders of sermonising, and everyone else of "moral panic". We have become a Teflon society on whose surface moral judgments do not stick.

It is easy to retire hurt and agree that, except for a few generalities, morality is a private affair, a matter of taste and choice. Governments should remain neutral. Religious leaders should confine their comments to fellow believers. Schools should limit themselves to teaching children how to make choices. We no longer have a shared morality, therefore public debate is misconceived. On the face of it the Archbishop's critic was right. From a more considered perspective, however, he is quite wrong.

Over the past half-century, we have witnessed a profound transformation in our moral landscape. It has focused on two key participants, the State and the individual. A view has slowly coalesced that the individual makes choices and the State deals with the consequences of those choices without passing judgment. Order is guaranteed by the police, education by the national curriculum, welfare by government agencies. Morality — the acquisition of habits of self-restraint — has become redundant.

In the revolutionary Nineties, however, this scenario is inadequate. It leaves out of the equation an entire dimension of our social life: families, neighbourhoods, voluntary organisations and religious congregations, the communities larger than the individual, smaller than the State, where we help each other and learn the codes, habits and civilities that are the essence of the moral life. Without them we are caught between the self-interest of the individual and the impersonality of the State. We rely on the Government to heal all ills, litigation to resolve disputes, consumption to supply happiness, and therapy when all else fails.

The price in human unhappiness is high and rising. An ethic of success is hard on those who fail. Our new objects of worship — wealth, fame, beauty and health — are too randomly distributed to confer an equitable dignity. A world without faithful, enduring, supportive relationships leaves too many people confused and alone. The graph of depressive illness among children has been climbing steadily since the 1950s.

The power of the Judaeo-Christian tradition is that it charts a moral reality larger than private inclination. It teaches us to value the things we share above the things we privately own. It talks unashamedly of good and evil, duty and fidelity, love and obedience. It suggests that not all choices are equal: some lead on to blessing, others to lives of quiet despair. Nor is this an abstract creed. It takes concrete life in families, congregations, rituals, narratives, moments of worship and collective celebration, the myriad ways in which we share our ideals with others and pass them on to future generations. These values are not unique to Judaism and Christianity, but they stand in radical opposition to today's scientific-therapeutic culture which seeks to eliminate morality from public discourse.

It may be that religious leaders can no longer endorse, but instead must challenge the prevailing consensus — the role of the prophet through the ages. In which case the scene is set for a genuine debate between two conflicting visions, between those who see the individual as a bundle of impulses to be gratified and those who see humanity in the image of God; between those who see society as a series of private gardens of desire and those who make space for public parks which we do not own but which we jointly maintain for the sake of others and the future. No debate could be more fundamental, and its outcome will shape the social contours of the 21st century.

The author is the Chief Rabbi.

Bad planning

NOT EVEN raging hormones can save you from the hands of council planners, as the American actor Michael Douglas has discovered. Douglas, whose Dionysian sex drive has confounded America's finest therapists, has been fined £50,000 by a Majorcan municipal council for breaching planning rules with an extension to his home on the island.

Formerly the residence of an Austrian archduke, the house cost Douglas £2 million in 1989. It is set on the cliffs between Déia and Valldemosa, and enjoys the sort of dramatic seaward aspect ideal for an overheated film star.



Douglas: extension denied

Douglas's wife, Diandra Luker, was another factor in buying the house. She was born on the island to an American father and English mother and, unlike her husband, speaks both Spanish and Mallorquin, the local dialect.

Her linguistic skills doubtless came in handy when Mr Douglas's £4-million renovations, including the problematic caretaker's extension, hit trouble. The municipal council of Valldemosa gave him the option of paying a fine or abandoning the extension to bulldozers. He chose to pay the fine and the council, after assurances from Mr Douglas that he would convert it into a museum, has agreed to let the unlawful structure stand.

Clay feet

DESPITE the most tremendous puff, Sotheby's sale of a Canova sculpture has flopped like a wet pot. Last month the auction house predicted a sale of £1 million plus for the *amorino*, discovered in a garden in Wales. At the time, galleries were suspicious of Sotheby's enthusiasm for the sculpture, which it gradually emerged was seriously weathered and in poor condition in spite of some furious restoration work. A specialist at one of the world's main galleries said that the work would be of interest only to "rich homosexuals". Not even they, however, were prepared to reach for their calfskin wallets. The sculpture failed to reach its reserve, which will have been considerably less than the £1 million Sotheby's touted in its hype.

A breed apart

CELEBRATING the first anniversary of his successful stand in the leadership challenge from John Redwood this week, the Prime Minister was in chipper spirits at a cocktail party in the Westminster house which was the nerve-centre to his campaign.

Basking in applause after his speech, the PM stepped backwards nonchalantly to be startled by a loud yelp and a sharp nip on the ankle. John Major had trodden on the dog belonging to his sponsor and the home's owner, Sir Neil Thorne. "I have never been heckled by a poodle," joked our John. "It's a West Highland terrier," came the gruff reply.

● *The priority for Samantha Brewster, the yachtswoman who yesterday became the first woman to sail round the world single-handedly in a westerly direction, was hygiene. Her first message after crossing the line was received by John Mackenzie Green, whose company CE Heath sponsored the voyage. "I have crossed the line and am on my way to a power shower," she said.*

Papered over

MY HEART goes out to Lady Wolfenden, 88, a trusting sort who is desperate for the return of her family papers. She was approached last spring by a young man of reputable appearance by the name of Patrick Higgins, who said he was writing a book on the Wolfenden report drawn up by her late husband, which led to homosexuality being decriminalised.

"I asked him for tea," recalls Lady W, whose late son Jeremy was described as the cleverest of his generation at Oxford and died in suspicious circumstances after rumours of his involvement in espionage. "The man was not good-looking but pleasant and enthusiastic. So I lent him my cuttings."

She has so far been unable to recover them. "They have our whole lives in them. Every attempt I have made to get them back has failed. My husband has been dead for ten years and Jeremy for 30, and I miss the books sadly," she says. "If anyone knows where this chap is, could they let me know?"



"I feel completely cured of Henmania today"

Lost marbles

JUST one hour after John Major announced he was planning to send the Stone of Scone back to Scotland, the Greeks perked up with a demand for the Elgin Marbles. The Government had already announced that there was no chance of passing the peace pipe, but first on the fax was Alexandros Alvanos, Greek MEP.

"I sincerely hope you will show the same sensibility for the Parthenon Marbles, which were stolen 200 years ago from the Acropolis of Athens by Lord Elgin," he said.

Fanned out

FORGET Tim Henman, the action this week at Wimbledon took place in Steffi Graf's changing room. Security guards swarmed in after she received an unusual ticking gift from an anonymous admirer. They snatched up the package, fearing it could be a small bomb — only to find it was a watch.

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THE LABOUR PROSPECTUS

Voting for Blair will still require a leap of faith

Yesterday's much-trumpeted collection of "New Labour" policies, unlike most previous manifestos, is cautious, moderate and limited in many of its aims. The document makes no promises of "New Labour, New Jerusalem". It has coherence within its own terms, and that part of it which is meaningful could be achievable too. At the next election, for the first time in decades, voters will be offered the choice between ideologically different but more or less practical programmes.

Borrowing shamelessly from US congressional Republicans, Tony Blair subtitles this document *Labour's contract for a new Britain*. Based on their experience, he has been careful to promise no more than he thinks he can deliver. Spending pledges have been financed from cutting other parts of the budget. Although the limits to his ambition will infuriate many in his own party, they should reassure those many voters who are sceptical of what any set of politicians can usually achieve.

All Labour leaders have two audiences: the party and the country. Most of Mr Blair's recent predecessors (with the occasional exception of Neil Kinnock) have addressed the former at the expense of the latter. *New Labour, New Life for Britain*, by contrast, makes few concessions to any but the modernisers in the Labour Party. Out go training levies, repeal of Tory trade union laws, higher state pensions and mixed-ability teaching. Even the railways will only become publicly owned and publicly accountable "as economic circumstances and the priorities of transport policy allow" — almost certainly never. In, however, come a "sense of moral purpose", flexible labour markets, referendums on devolution and — most radically — a commitment to spend *less* on the welfare state.

This last aim will be "one of the key objectives of a new Labour government". Whether it can be achieved is another matter; it is, after all, an aim that Peter Lilley shares and he has only managed to reduce the rate of growth of welfare spending. But such a goal would have been unthinkable under any other Labour leader, and is a sign of how far Mr Blair has pushed his party.

Does all this really amount to a "new life for Britain", as the document claims? It is hard to say. This glossy prospectus, packed with pictures of eager children, both looks and feels like the brochure of a private school. It is designed to make potential consumers feel warm inside. As long as the readers want to believe in its cheerful futurology, there are enough small but sensible proposals — on young criminals, on the young and long-term unemployed, on education and training — to encourage them to do so.

Voters will soon have to test the claims against their own scepticism. Even if they believe every word that Mr Blair promises, *neither he nor they know whether Labour* would succeed in government. Its leader has been tested in one cauldron — his party — and has survived, indeed grown in stature. But Britain is bigger and more complex than a party. Whatever Labour promises at the next election, to vote for Mr Blair will still be a giant leap of faith.

YELTSIN VICTORIOUS

But Russia has thrills and spills ahead of it still

Boris Yeltsin appealed for Russians to vote for him "so that freedom wins, so that reforms win". His impressively solid victory, 13 points ahead of Gennadi Zyuganov on an unexpectedly high turnout, confirms that Russians value their political freedoms. This was a decisive rejection of the Communist past to which the national socialist platform of Mr Zyuganov's coalition of "popular-patriotic forces" beckoned.

The battle for economic reform, by contrast, cannot be accounted won. Mr Yeltsin's margin would have been perilously narrow had he not been able to counter voter disgust with corruption and rising crime by co-opting General Aleksandr Lebed after the first round. Even so, if Mr Zyuganov had jettisoned his collectivist agenda and, however implausibly, campaigned on a social-democratic ticket that promised to slow the pace of reforms and cushion their impact with generous welfare benefits, the Left might have won. The President and his advisers know it. They also know that although the number of people with a stake in market freedoms is growing, the proportion of winners is still too small. Until the benefits of Russia's emerging economic recovery spread more widely, the Zyuganov message that economic liberalisation has destroyed the nation's fabric and its pride will find an audience even if Communism itself does not.

It is therefore vitally important that Mr Yeltsin draws the correct lesson, which is that in the transition to a market economy vacillation only prolongs the agony. His courageous election manifesto, with its emphasis on fiscal reforms, sound public finances and the extension of private ownership, suggested that he had done so. But there are doubters in his entourage — including General Lebed, whose ambitions to redefine his national security role to embrace everything from import tariffs to the environment need to be checked without delay. Mr Yeltsin's own tendency to shift course is well-attested; and the dominance of reactionaries in the Duma is an incentive to duck difficult decisions.

Mr Yeltsin insists that there must now be no division between "the victorious and the vanquished", and has hinted that "professionals" from the defeated coalition could be brought into his new Government. Politically, this has its shrewd side; it could make his dealings with the Duma easier by hastening a split on the Left between social democrats and hardliners. But coalition-building could all too easily mean endless delay, as rival interests compete behind Kremlin doors for the President's ear.

That has been too much the pattern under Viktor Chernomyrdin. Renominated yesterday as Prime Minister, he has promised a "workmanlike" Government. It also needs to be a fast-moving one. A disaster threatens in public finances, not because spending limits have been seriously breached but because tax revenue has plummeted, to half the total expected for this year. Some of that is due to factory managers, who have avoided payment in the hope of being bailed out by a Zyuganov victory. But broader fiscal reform is urgent. So is reform of Russia's catastrophic agricultural sector. The 1995 grain harvest was the worst in 30 years. Nine tenths of Russia's farms are still undercapitalised collectives, so inefficient that the minority of independent farmers account for half the national output.

Beyond that lies the greatest challenge of all. Russia will not become a genuinely competitive free-market economy until the corruption of big business, and its reluctance to pay the taxes that must finance social services, are confronted. An ailing President, reliant on a Prime Minister whose friends come from precisely this milieu, may not be able to deliver. That does not minimise the value of Wednesday's result. But Russia's roller coaster ride to market has thrills and spills ahead of it still.

TOO MUCH, TOO LATE

The game of pass-the-casket goes on

The great chasse of Thomas à Becket was made by a 12th-century European artist to mark one of the best-known events in English history. It is now fast becoming an object lesson in how 20th-century British funds for the arts should not be used. Public institutions have been quietly arguing for more than a year about the chasse, each hoping, so it seemed, that someone else would rid them of this turbulent problem. Finally the problem reached the saleroom yesterday where it was sold for £4.1 million, twice the price at which it was first offered to the nation and turned down.

Fortunately the sale does not settle the casket's fate. The Heritage Secretary announced last night that she would use her powers to delay any export of the work. The identity of the buyer who yesterday outbid the National Heritage Memorial Fund is not known: nor is the place that he or she would like the chasse to go. Virginia Bottomley is right to acknowledge the chasse as part of our heritage. We hope that the money can now be found to keep it where belongs.

Mrs Bottomley's influence would, however, have been better deployed much earlier. A Heritage Secretary ought to be able to summon the grandees of the public art world and bang their heads together before deadlines pass and prices rise. If she had acted sooner, a private sale might have kept this rare and beautiful object in a British cathedral or museum at a much lower price than is possible now.

Public institutions are famous for swings between apathy and panic. The National Heritage Lottery Fund, the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert were surely apathetic when the chasse was first offered for private sale by the British Rail Pension Fund. The National Heritage Memorial Fund seems equally surely to have panicked at the last minute by offering a price well beyond the level it had previously revealed.

On at least two occasions, and as recently as late last week, the sellers were ready to agree a private sale at sums below the price agreed yesterday at auction. Both times, the combined total of private and NHLF money fell just short of the asking price. At Sothebys yesterday the NHMF threw off its previous constraints and bid higher. If such resources were available for an open market auction, why could they not have been used before to secure a private sale?

The leaders of the heritage funds would argue that judging the value of a medieval casket is an imprecise science. Lord Rothschild is quite right to say that funds should exercise "price discipline with public money". Art market watchers may claim that the campaign to raise interest and money, led by *The Times*, has driven the price up. But discreet attempts to retain the chasse at a low price had failed over many months. To call public attention to the game of pass-the-chasse was a last resort. The consultation which will follow the Heritage Secretary's freeze of the sale should have taken place some time ago. The shortfall which needs to be made up from independent sources remains around £250,000. That sum must still be raised.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clarity required in UK referendums

From Lord Rees-Mogg and others

Sir, Both major parties are now committed to referendums on major constitutional issues, the Labour Party on Scotland and Wales, and the Conservatives on a single currency.

Britain had a referendum in 1975 which gave subsequent approval to Parliament's adherence to the Treaty of Rome. The failure to hold a referendum on the Treaty of Maastricht, in contrast to France, Denmark and Ireland, has poisoned the debate on the Maastricht issues.

We believe that any future referendum on European issues should be clear and should refer to specific events. In general, all future amendments to the European treaties should be approved by referendum on a simple "Yes" or "No" question. The single-currency proposal, if adopted by a British government, should be put to a referendum in the same way. It has substantial constitutional implications.

This would partly but not entirely prevent further creeping transfer of authority to the European Union without public approval; it would make future British governments negotiate amendments to the treaties in the light of public opinion; it would confine the use of referendums to actual proposals of constitutional significance; and it would provide questions of a specific character rather than inviting hypothetical expressions of opinion.

Clarity and certainty are as essential to referendums as they are to legislation.

Yours faithfully,
REES-MOGG,
MARTIN HOWE,
PATRICK NEILL,
ANDREW ROBERTS,
ANN ROBINSON,
TEBBIT,
17 Pall Mall, SW1.
July 2.

'Two-year' Parliaments

From Sir George Engle, QC

Sir, In your report (June 27) of the Prime Minister's speech to the Centre for Policy Studies the panel headed "Where the parties stand" shows the Conservatives as supporting "two-year Parliaments".

What Mr Major actually said was that he supports the idea of including in the Queen's Speech not only a list of Bills to be introduced in the coming session of Parliament but also a list of Bills proposed to be introduced in the session after that.

In so doing he was accepting recommendation 98 in the report of the Hansard Society Commission on the Legislative Process, which reads:

Governments should move towards the adoption of a two-year legislative programme. We suggest that this should be done as follows:

(a) each March the Future Legislation Committee should decide on the main content of the legislative programme for two years ahead, and authority should be given for drafting to begin on the larger, longer-term Bills to be introduced in the second session as well as for the drafting of other Bills for the first session; and

(b) each year the Government should announce its legislation for the coming session and the bigger, longer-term Bills for the session after that.

This is a much needed non-party reform that would go far to allow more time for consultation and to remedy the shortage of drafting time which too often leads to the introduction of "half-baked" Bills into Parliament. It is to be hoped that all parties see the sense in it.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE ENGLE
(First Parliamentary Counsel, 1981-86),
37 Wood Lane, Highgate, N6.
June 27.

Tests for 11-year-olds

From Mrs Mary F. Brereton

Sir, I note from your front-page report of June 24, "School tests give boost to Shephard", that there has been a "dramatic improvement" by 11-year-olds in the standards achieved in this summer's national tests in English and mathematics. What a phenomenal improvement in one year. Sadly, results will also indicate an apparent fall in standards in science.

In reality, the apparent improvements are a direct result of amendments to the format of the tests, which are largely a consequence of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority taking on board teachers' comments on last year's programme of testing. Such obvious changes as allowing 25 per cent extra time on the maths paper enabled the pupils to give a much fairer account of their mathematical ability.

Evidently it is easier for a Secretary of State for Education to get congratulatory headlines than for one of the thousands of teachers and pupils working to raise standards and measure them realistically.

Yours faithfully,
MARY F. BRERETON,
Our Lady of Lourdes
RC Primary School,
Wanstead, E11 2TA.

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Public misgivings on MPs' pay

From Mr Roger Parker-Jervis

Sir, The United Kingdom has far too many Members of Parliament. To double their pay and halve their number, as has been suggested, would, I believe, command wide support throughout the country. To pay their current salary as a pension to the 300 or so MPs who would lose their seats might be cheap at the price, and perhaps persuasive.

The debate next week on MPs' pay (report, July 4) is the moment to start.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER PARKER-JERVIS,
The Old Schoolhouse,
The Green, Brill, Buckinghamshire.
July 4.

From Mrs P. A. T. Clark

Sir, I have always believed that the one similarity between MPs and nurses is that they both seek their respective roles so they can serve their fellow citizens. Why is it, then, that altruistic MPs have to be paid a lot of money to ensure that the right candidates apply, whereas altruistic nurses are low-paid, perhaps to discourage the wrong candidates?

I wonder why no political party is in a hurry to reverse the situation. Such a policy would be a vote-winner.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA CLARK,
17 Spinney Close,
Rainham, Essex.
July 4.

From Mr Bene't Steinberg

Sir, MPs have to declare an interest when commenting on a matter in which they have a stake. Might I suggest that correspondents preparing to criticise proposals regarding MPs' pay declare their own salaries. This would enable your readers to give the necessary weight to their respective arguments. Perhaps even journalists would like to include it in their bylines.

A Nolan-esque sliding scale could be constructed: "substantially less" — less than half an MP's salary (£17,000); "less" — between £17,000 and £34,000; "more" — up to one and a half times an MP's salary (between £34,000 and £51,000); "substantially more" — over £51,000.

Yours sincerely,
BENE'T STEINBERG ("more"),
(Prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate,
Poplar and Canning Town),
5 Knighton Road, Forest Gate, E7.

From Mrs Sheila Gregory

Sir, Mr G. Davies (letter, July 2) suggests some "higher authority, perhaps the House of Lords" to control MPs' pay. Never mind the Lords. There must be enough teachers willing to provide such a body — me for one.

Yours sincerely,
SHEILA GREGORY,
2 Lancaster Drive, Chester.
July 2.

'Secret' decision on World Service

From Mr Gerard Mansell

Sir, The question of control of the BBC World Service in the light of John Birt's reforms (report, June 8; letters, June 19; Media and Marketing, June 26) concerns the powers and responsibilities of the board of governors and its chairman. Their role, as everyone knows, is to be the guardians of the public interest. In discharging their duties they are ultimately responsible to Parliament, and through Parliament to the nation.

No one would contest that the efficacy and wellbeing of the World Service are matters of public concern. Nor would most people cast doubt on the success of the World Service. Time and again it has received vocal support, in the press, in Parliament, and more widely among the public when its future has been threatened by budgetary cuts. Successive governments have repeatedly recognised it as an important national asset.

The question which must therefore be asked is whether it is right that its future should be decided secretly, behind closed doors, without any consultation whatever, and then announced as a *fait accompli*.

Were the governors fully informed of the implications for the World Service of what they were being asked to decide, or was the matter steamrollered through by the new Chairman and the Director-General? Was there not a single governor who experienced twinges of doubt? Were they not exceeding their powers in disposing of this national asset as if it was their private property and assuming without apparent question that it was their right to do so?

They should now pause, consult widely, listen to their critics, both within the staff and outside, and think again.

Yours faithfully,
G. MANSELL,
(Managing Director,
BBC External Services, 1972-81),
15 Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3.
July 2.

From the Director of Medical Emergency Relief International

Sir, Sam Younger is right to claim (Media and Marketing, June 26) that the BBC World Service provides a great service to Britain. But in all this talk of cultural diplomacy and changing markets, we must not forget what the World Service means to the rest of the world.

For millions of people who are oppressed, persecuted, displaced, who live under tyranny or in war zones, it is a lifeline to the outside world. Often it is the only way they can find out what is happening in their own country, let alone elsewhere.

In the course of my work overseas I have seen refugees who have lost everything sitting round a battered radio set to catch the news from London. Anything which threatens this precious lifeline is a betrayal of the humanitarian responsibility which the BBC has carried so magnificently for the past half-century.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BESSE,
Director,
Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin),
1a Rede Place,
Chepstow Place, W2.
June 28.

Counting the years

From Mrs Gertrud Walton

Sir, It is too late to correct the error which has left us without the year AD zero, in consequence of which a millennium is completed not at the end of the year 999 but 1000 (letters, June 27, July 2).

What is more serious is that, although "higher" mathematics assumes that the system of numbers commences with zero and (in agreement with intuition, where more equals up) "rises" from 0 to 9, 99, 999 and so forth, the teaching of arithmetic is bogged down in the archaic practice of placing 1 at the start of the number table. The latter, furthermore, instead of rising up, hangs downwards like a written text.

This malpractice creates serious difficulties for the learner and invites errors, as in the conventional counting of years. It is only one instance among many where the teaching of mathematics is wholly at variance not only with essential requirements but with its professed aims. Those of us who argue the case through professional journals, like our more illustrious predecessors, go unheard.

Yours faithfully,
GERTRUD WALTON,
18 St Swithun Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.

From Sir David Hunt

Sir, Professor Weale (letter, July 2) calls it a mere assumption that the current millennium started in 1001: it is not an assumption, it is a fact.

The year before AD 1 was 1 BC. The current system of dating not only seems to but does go back to Roman times, late enough to be Christian but too early to have heard of the Indian concept of zero. But how these chronological facts can imply "just one more triumph of a basically anti-decimal culture" does not appear from the professor's letter.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HUNT,
Old Place, Lindfield, Sussex.
July 2.

Saudi bombers

From Mr Randhir Singh Bains

Sir, On June 27, in a leading article, you described the recent bomb blast in Saudi Arabia as an act of terrorism. Since Saudi Arabia is not a "free" democratic country, any violent attempt to overthrow the repressive Saudi regime cannot automatically be classified as terrorism.

A clear distinction between terrorism and a genuine fight for freedom is now widely accepted. For a group to be classified as freedom fighters, its members must satisfy two criteria: they must be active in an area where they are denied democratic rights; and their use of violence must be restricted to damaging the economic and political system they oppose, rather than purely to spread terror. The IRA, the Kashmiri militants, the Sikh insurgents, etc, fail on both counts and are therefore rightly referred to as terrorists.

The Saudi bombers, however, are virtually unknown to the West. They may be freedom fighters or terrorists. Until their identity, aims and objectives are known, it is highly inappropriate to castigate them as terrorists.

Yours faithfully,
RANDHIR SINGH BAINS,
34 Shere Road, Gants Hill, Essex.
June 29.

Woad rage?

From Dr A. G. S. Bailey

Sir, Being of a competitive nature, when I achieved the age of 65 I put a notice in the rear window of my car saying "Ancient Briton on Board". It made absolutely no difference to the behaviour of other road users, good or bad.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. S. BAILEY,
Clayfield House, Wooburn,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
July 4.

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Sour aftertaste of 'honey trap' rules

From Mr Patrick A. Gage

Sir, I hope the staff of the US Embassy in London read your reports (June 25) on the changes in their Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) to the rules concerning government employees' relations with Soviet citizens.

In 1989 I was employed by the Agency for International Development (AID) and seconded from Washington to an international organisation in London. There I met and proposed to a citizen of the Soviet Union and, dutiful to my obligations as an employee of the US Government (USG), formally reported my intentions to embassy personnel and security staff on December 20, 1989, as well as to the security staff of my agency in Washington.

I was advised by staff at the embassy that, under the regulations of the FAM (June 20, 1985), I must wait 120 days for a security check to be completed on my intended. They were totally unaware, as I was, that thanks to the indiscretions of Sergeant Clayton Lonetree in Moscow and Vienna the policy had been changed as of November 15, 1989, to prohibit liaisons between USG employees and citizens of "intelligence threat" countries — of which Russia was one.

The security staff in Washington, instead of advising me that an error had been made, almost immediately began liaising with the FBI over what they thought was the discovery of a possible Soviet agent. I was eventually interviewed with the aid of an FBI lie detector about my possible connections with Eastern European intelligence agencies.

The handling of the matter was sadly reminiscent of the Keystone Cops, though after more than five years I still fail to see any humour in it. Needless to say, my wife and I are now permanent residents of the United Kingdom, where we own and manage one of Cheshire's oldest public houses.

I did not, however, elect to live in this country just because of the beer.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK A. GAGE,
The Blue Bell Inn,
Tushingham,
Whitchurch, Shropshire.
July 1.

Postal rates complaints

From Mr P. W. B. Semmens

Sir, On Monday, July 8, inland and overseas postages are going up. The leaflets giving details of the new rates reached my local sub-post office only today, which is unacceptably late anyway. They were accompanied by instructions on the envelope that they were not to be put on display or used until July 8.

Does the Post Office not realise that many small businesses, as well as some individuals, need to obtain supplies of stamps in advance for use next week?

Yours faithfully,
PETER SEMMENS,
Danvers, 21 Springfield Road,
Upper Poppleton, York.
July 4.

From Mr Eric Warburg

Sir, Less than a week before the letter rates go up my local post office cannot supply me with stamps at the new rate: they say they have insufficient. Nor can they supply a leaflet with the new home and overseas rates.

Would this be the case if the Post Office were denationalised? I hope not.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC WARBURG,
1a Durrell Road, SW6.
July 4.

Who's in charge?

From Colonel L. E. Hudson, Royal Marines (retd)

Sir, Jonathan Prynn's report (July 1) about the possible "triumphant" return of station masters is most timely.

Last week I witnessed an example of loutish behaviour by a group of station staff in Manchester. When I complained to the station supervisor about the incident he pointed out that *the station staff were not answerable* to him since they worked for a variety of companies. Some worked for Railtrack, some for the station owners, others for the rail operating companies.

The variety of uniforms worn by staff added to the problem of identification. A station master would be responsible for all station staff and ensure that they carry out their duties efficiently.

Yours sincerely,
L. E. HUDSON,
8 Monmouth Avenue,
Topsham, Exeter, Devon.
July 1.

Clever clogs

From Mrs James Wilson

Sir, "Bright men have their mothers to thank for their cleverness", according to an Australian genetics expert (report, June 28).

I am delighted to learn that my son gets his brains from me. In the interests of family harmony, may someone now prove my daughter gets hers from her father?

Yours sincerely,
SUE WILSON,
29 Whitehall Gardens, Chiswick, W4.

COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
July 4: The Queen held an Investiture at the Palace of Holyroodhouse this morning.

Mr Alan Blair, winner of the annual shooting event of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers, was presented to Her Majesty and received The Queen's Prize.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Lady Saltoun and the Hon Elizabeth Ramsay of Mar were present.

The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers, under the command of the Captain-General, Major Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt, Gold Stick for Scotland, was on duty.

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

The Highland Band and Lowland Band played selections of music.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, this morning visited the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Divinity at the University of Edinburgh and afterwards attended a Luncheon in New College.

His Royal Highness left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this evening.

The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of Her Excellency President Mary Robinson and Mr Nicholas Robinson and welcomed them on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 4: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this morning received Colonel Richard Shirreff upon relinquishing his command of the Regiment.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a meeting of the Committee of Trustees at Newgate Street, London EC1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, this evening attended the Annual Reception at Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London SW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 4: Captain J.B. Simpson today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief for Women in the Royal Navy, upon relinquishing her appointment as Chief Naval Officer for Women.

Captain P.E. Duncan also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Chief Naval Officer for Women.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited gardens in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea under the auspices of the London Garden Society and London Children's Flower Society.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 4: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council.

His Royal Highness, Vice-President, this evening gave a Reception at Highgrove House for National Trust staff.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 4: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this morning received the Lord Prior of the Order (the Lord Vestey) and the Chancellor of the Order (Professor Anthony Mellows).

The Duke of Gloucester this evening presented The Queen's Award for Export to Parkman Consultants Limited at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1 Great George Street, London SW1.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon presented long service awards to staff and volunteers at the Luton and Dunstable NHS Trust, Lewsey Road, Luton, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel Whitbread).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the Disability Resource Centre, Poynters House, Poynters Road, Dunstable.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 4: The Duke of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), Wessex Barracks, Fallingbostel, Germany.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Wimbledon Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 4: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Dinner and Reception given by King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, on board *HM Yacht Britannia* at Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Memorial service

Miss Greer Garson
A celebration of the life of Miss Greer Garson was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Bill Hall, Senior Chaplain, Actors' Church Union, officiated.

Mr Andrew Ray read *Do Not Stand at my Grave and Weep* and Mr Peter Barkworth read *Song of Living* by Amelia Josephine Burr. Miss Joan White and Miss Sheila Collings paid tribute. Among others present were:

Commodore and Mrs Robin Garson, Miss Nicola Garson; Mr Leonard Brooks, Mr Derek Tobias, Mr John Levitt, Mr Michael Leader, Mrs S Sallis, Mr G Sallis, Mrs B Newman, Mr and Mrs John Phillips, Mr Kenneth Parrott, Miss Dorothy Stratton, Mr Lionel Rich, Miss Marie Joseph, Miss Holly King, Mr David Egerton-King, Miss Morar Kennedy, Mr David Corry, Mr John Levitt, Mr Michael Turion, Miss Lindsay Granger.

Ms Laurie Upton, Mr and Mrs John Smith, Mrs Elizabeth Bright, Mr and Mrs Timothy King, Mr Richard Jackson, Mrs C Holmes, Miss Dorothy Holmes, Miss Carole Dance, Mr George Cook, Mr George Bushell, Ms Susannah Slater, Mr Norman Bishop, Miss Pat Harding, Mr Tom Vallance, Mr John Welsh, Mr John Muir, Miss Jennifer Guy, Mr D Elgert, Ms Hattie Nadler, Mr and Mrs Peter Noye.

Mr Richard A Batten, Miss Dorothy Ralphs, Miss Anna Cropper, Miss Della Friedland, Miss Vera Jakob, Mr Peter Quinn, Mr Derek Gibney, Mr Royce Ryton, Mr Raymond Plowman, Miss Olivia Collins, Mrs Audrey Benjamin, Miss Florence Searle, Mr Brian Glanville, Miss Veronica Hitchcock, Mrs Daphne Rowley, Miss Kathleen Stapleton, Miss Polly Gray, Miss Retta Read, Mr Robert Bruce.

Mr Stephen Bateman, Mr Malcolm Epstein, Mr Oliver Rees, Miss Bettina Raymond, Ms Verna Ducker, Miss Brenda Dwyer, Mr Christopher Jones, Miss Louise Smale, Mr Peter Jukes, Mr Denis Warrilow, Ms Erica Johns, Miss Michelle Paull, Mr Michael Reeves, Mr Robin Barter, Mr John Bullock, Mr Tony Church.

Mr Albert Critoph (Concert Artistes Association and British Music Hall Society), Ms Jean Frances (Cinema Museum), Miss Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Mr Ken Sephton (Gallery First Nighters), Ms Juliet McCarron (Green Room Club) and Mr Patrick Newley (*Stage and TV Today*).

Institute of Biology

The following have been elected as Fellows and may use the designatory letters CBiol FIBiol:

Dr Christopher J Clegg, Dr Andrew Cockburn, Professor Peter Gacesa, Professor John Grace, Dr Derek T Hurst, Dr Jack Jackson, Mr Alan M Johnston, Dr Fraser Mcdonald, Mr David R Morgan, Professor John F B Morrison, Dr Euan F Thomson, Mr Michael V Thrusfield.

Call 0171 581 8333 for information on membership.

Receptions

Westminster Foundation for Democracy
The Speaker was the host at a summer reception held yesterday at Speakers House for the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. The Speaker, Sir James Spicer, MP, chairman of the foundation, and Mr Stephen Cox, chief executive, received the guests.

Securities Institute
Mr Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, was the speaker at the annual reception of the Securities Institute held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Graham Ross Russell, chairman of the institute, was the host.

Luncheon

Blacksmiths' Company
The Swedish Ambassador was the guest of honour at at the Midsummer court luncheon of the Blacksmiths' Company held yesterday at Innholders' Hall. Mr Clifford Champion, Prime Warden, presided.

Saddlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Saddlers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr W. Price; Key Warden, Mr E.J. Pearson; Quarter Warden, Mr D.S. Snowden; Renter Warden, Mr M.R. Quirk.

United Nations Association

Mrs Myriel Davies, former Deputy Director of the United Nations Association, has been appointed a life president.

DAVID JONES



Victoria Wood, the writer and comedian, after receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Birmingham University yesterday

Dinners

British Academy
Mrs Mary Robinson, President of Ireland, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the British Academy held last night at Middle Temple Hall after the annual meeting. Sir Keith Thomas, president of the academy, received the guests who included:

Mr N Robinson, the Irish Ambassador and Mrs Barrington, the Lord Chief Justice, the Chairman of the Nuffield Foundation, the Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science, Lord Weidenfeld, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office, the Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies, Mr Anthony Howard, Mr J O Burke, Mr C Butler, Mr J P Carswell, Mr R Cavallero, Dr E Fernie, Dr Garret FitzGerald, Ms K Fleay, Mrs Doris Lessing, Mr R A R MacLennan, MP, Dr B M Ogilvie, Ms B Rosney, Mr J Sturrock, Mr C Wrafter, the Chief Executive of the Economic and Social Research Council, the Chief Executive of Oxford University Press, the Chief Executive of Cambridge University Press, the Director of Policy, Higher Education Funding Council for England, the Chairman of the British School at Athens, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the British Museum, the Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments of England, the President of the Royal Irish Academy, the Deputy Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council, the Foreign Secretary nominate of the Royal Society, the Chief Executive of the British Library, the Editor of *The Times Higher Educational Supplement*, HM Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, the Senior Partner of Macfarlanes and the Keeper of Public Records.

Painter-Stainers' Company
The formal association of the Intelligence Corps with the Painter-Stainers' Company was inaugurated last night at a meeting of the court at Painters' Hall. Afterwards, the Master, Mr Brian Edwards, presided at the biennial Nash dinner, (supported by a bequest of Stanley and Alec Nash). General Sir Roger Wheeler, Colonel Commandant, Intelligence Corps and Commander-in-Chief Land Command, and Dr Alan Borg, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, were the speakers. During the evening General Wheeler presented the Master with a sword to mark the association between the Corps and the Company and the Master presented Lieutenant-Colonel R.M. White, Commanding Officer of the Intelligence and Security Group (Volunteers), with the first Enterprise Trophy on behalf of Warrant Officer Class II R. Stanton of 25 Intelligence and Security Company (Volunteers), who could not be present.

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual installation and ladies dinner of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers held last night at the Mansion House. Dr Robert S.A. While, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Henry Mutkin and Mr William Warbey. Mr Richard Needham, MP, also spoke.

Navy Board
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord, presided at a Trinity Term dinner of the Navy Board held on Wednesday at Admiralty House. Among those present were:

Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, Rear-Admiral Jeremy Blackham, Sir Christopher Bland, Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Professor Sir John Cadogan, Sir Richard Evans, Lieutenant-General Sir John Foley, Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Mr Eddie George, Sir David Hardy, Mr Roger Jackling, Mr Henry Lambert, Mr Richard Mottram, Sir Ralph Robins, Rear-Admiral Fred Scourse and the Rt Revd Francis Walmsley.

Carlton Club
Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner held on Wednesday at the Carlton Club. Lord Wakeham, chairman, presided.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held last night at the Solent Hotel after a technology visit to the New Swanwick Centre, Southampton. Mr Derek McLauchlan and Mr Gordon Doggett were the speakers.

Service dinners

Corps of Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps of Royal Engineers ladies' guest night dinner held last night in Chatham. Lord Kingsdown, KG, and Lady Kingsdown, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Willis, Major-General and Mrs Jack Deverell and Major-General and Mrs David Pennefather were among the guests.

655 (The Scottish Horse) Squadron, AAC
Colonel S.M.W. Hickey was the principal guest at the annual Anzio dinner of 655 (The Scottish Horse) Squadron, Army Air Corps held last night at Aldergrove. Major Christopher Hogan, Officer Commanding, presided.

School news

The Arts Educational London Schools
Mrs Anna Sylvester-Johnson, at present teaching English at the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle, and previously Head of English at The Green School for Girls, Isleworth, has been appointed Headmistress of The Pupils' School, of The Arts Educational London Schools, from September 1, 1996.

Bishop's Stortford College
The Governing Council of Bishop's Stortford College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr John Trotman, currently Deputy Headmaster at The Leys School, as Headmaster, from September 1997, on the retirement of Mr Stephen Benson.

Blundell's School
Speech Day takes place today. Mr D.J. Jewell, MA, MSc, (OB), has succeeded Rear Admiral P.F. Grenier, CB, (OB), as Chairman of the Governors. The prizes will be presented by Mr Jaap Mos, Rector of the Rijnlands Lyceum and the International School of the Hague.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School
Summer Term ends tonight after the annual Concert at St John's Smith Square and the presentation of prizes by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

Awards have been won by the following boys:
Academic:
To Merchiston Castle: A. Glennie.
To The Oratory: R. de Winter, P. Smith.
Music:
To Eton: D. Passmore, J. Turner-Inman.
To The Oratory: R. de Winter, A. Semprini, P. Smith, R. Winterflood.

The Choristers leave after Vespers on Sunday, July 7 and Michaelmas Term begins on Wednesday, September 4.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sarah Siddons, actress, Brecon, 1755; Phineas Barnum, showman, Bethel, Connecticut, 1810; William Thomas Stead, journalist, Embleton, Northumberland, 1849; Jean Cocteau, poet, novelist, film director and artist, Maisons-Lafitte, France, 1889.

DEATHS: Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore, London, 1826; Wilhelm Backhaus, pianist, Villach, Austria, 1969; Georgette Heyer, novelist, 1974.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.N.V. Bowater and Miss J.N. Heptonstall
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr Nicolas Bowater and Mrs Mina Bowater, and Jacinta, eldest daughter of Mr Nicholas Heptonstall and Mrs Virginia Heptonstall.

Mr J.C. Copestake and Miss L.E.A. Haywood
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mrs Daphne Copestake and the late Mr Guy Copestake, of Yeldersley, Derbyshire, and Lia, daughter of Wing Commander Gordon Haywood, RAF, retd, and Mrs Haywood, of Willington, Derbyshire.

Mr J.S. Freeman and The Hon Katie Peake
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Dr and Mrs Brian Freeman, of All Hallows Farm, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, and Katie, youngest daughter of Viscount Ingleby and the late Viscountess Ingleby, of Snilesworth, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.J. Jenkins and Miss R.M.de T. Collins
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Jenkins, of Bridgend, Glamorgan, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Collins, of Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

Mr N. Raishbrook and Miss E.F. Kallend
The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Raishbrook, of Shirley, Surrey, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Kallend, of Westerham, Kent.

Mr J.E. Inglis and Miss V.H.R. Mellstrom
The engagement is announced between Jack, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Inglis, of Gifford, East Lothian, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Mellstrom, of Oxshott, Surrey.

Mr N.W.M. May and Miss C.A. Grayson
The engagement is announced between Morris, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nigel May, of Kew, Surrey, and Katie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Grayson, of Painswick, Gloucestershire.

Mr I. Thompson and Miss J. Mumford
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs D. Thompson, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. Mumford, of Hong Kong.

Marriage

Mr N.W. Sharp and Miss C.J. Northcroft
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 22, at St Mary's Church, Frittenden, of Mr Neil Sharp, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Sharp, of Frittenden, to Miss Charlotte Northcroft, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Northcroft, of Sutton Valence. The Rev Guy Bridgewater officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Jo Cardwell, Emma and Laura Sharp, Anthony and David Koskinas, and Toby Chave. Mr George Collins was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and the honeymoon is being spent in Antigua.

Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Naval Reserve

The following provisional selections have been made for promotions to date December 31, 1996, and June 30, 1997. The early promotions to Lieutenant Commander are effective on the dates shown:

Promotions to date December 31:

Seaman Branch
Captain: H.B. Daglish; G R Moodie; G F Baxter; W M Covington; C R Munns; R A Mark; R D Leaman; T A Soar.
Commander: D J Lee; B Lambert; C J Hamp; J M Handley; P N Lambourn; M C N Cochrane; A R Edney; M S Pearey; P J Thicknesse; N J Hughes; P J A Buckley; I J M Richmond; D J Lilley; I D Hugo; P Abraham; M J Parr; T P Fraser; L D Smallman.
Lieutenant Commander: promoted 12 months early: I A McGhie (effective July 1 1996); A D Radakin (November 1, 1996).
Lieutenant Commander: promoted six months early: R M M J Harvey (effective March 1, 1997); G A Robinson (May 1, 1997); J P Kyd (August 1, 1997); R C Vitali (August 1, 1997); M S Blackmore (November 1, 1997); P V Halton (December 1, 1997).

Engineering Branch
Captain: S P C Westwood; H McFadyen; I F Jenkins; P J Horsted; R A N Palmer; I G Rankin.
Commander: J E Palmer; M N Grafton; J M Terry; I Lofthouse; P W Hutchings; K P Wilson; D M J Lewis; S R Dearden; M H Thistlewaite; A M H Jenkin; S D Wise; E M King; N J Whittaker.
Lieutenant Commander: promoted 12 months early: I M Reason (effective July 1, 1996); S Kershaw (November 1, 1996); A J Course (February 1, 1997).
Lieutenant Commander: promoted six months early: C M S Bull (effective March 1, 1997); J R Corderoy (July 1, 1997; J R Macdonald (July 1, 1997); A G Reynolds (August 1, 1997).

Supply Branch
Captain: W J R Pennefather; P H Talham.
Commander: R Nairn; A D Church; G N Tinsley; G R Peel.
Lieutenant Commander: promoted 12 months early: D J Noyes (effective December 1, 1996).
Lieutenant Commander: promoted 6 months early: S H Wright (effective July 16, 1997).

Instructor Branch
Commander: C Sullivan; M E Farrage.
Lieutenant Commander: promoted six months early: S P Page (effective March 1, 1997); W J Wheatley (October 4, 1997).

Medical
Surgeon Captain: T R Douglas-Riley.
Surgeon Commander: D E Slavin; R C Scott; J N Perry.

Dental
Surgeon Captain (D): G L Morrison.
Surgeon Commander (D): P F Culwick.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service
Lieutenant Commander to Commander: J C Brown (effective November 4, 1996).
Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander: R M Duke.

Royal Marines
Colonel: D McNeill.
Lieutenant Colonel: P M Bowkett; D A Hopley.
Major: J Leigh; M W Dunham; E C Musto; W J Taylor; P R Denning.

Promotions to date June 30, 1997.

Seaman Branch
Captain: P J F Eberle; C C Peach; D C M Fergusson; C J Parry; A R Nance; C J Gass; R J Ibbotson; A J Rix.
Commander: T G Horne; D C W Balston; J K Moores; R G Stewart; P T Morgan; H A Spence; W Scarth; S R Baum; I S Pickles; R D J Barker; G M Brand; R K Tarrant; A S Bell; M Harriman; M D Garratt; J A Morse; J N G King.

Engineering Branch
Captain: I L Jarvis; J A Kongialis; M Horrell; M A Bowker; S M Henley; A D H Mathews.
Commander: R E H Spalding; M J Whitaker; G G J Derrick; G R Graham; D M Page; M R Starks; H W Holdsworth; A Dolton; P J O'Neill; S W Braham; J D Hay; P E Smithson; H H Parker.

Supply Branch
Captain: M K Hemsworth; M Kimmons.
Commander: A E Cushen; M P Richardson; A S Crook.

Instructor Branch
Captain: M J Potter.
Commander: A Robinson; M A Foster

Medical
Surgeon Commander: N A Hedger; R P Johnston; P H Loxdale.

Dental
Surgeon Captain (D): W R Lock.
Surgeon Commander (D): M W Aston.

Royal Marines
Colonel: I R Gardiner.
Lieutenant Colonel: P A Reynolds; J H Thomas.
Major: S A Conway; P H Sampson; I P Huntley; J K Hutton; G K Messenger.

The following provisional selections have been made for promotion to date September 30, 1996:

Royal Naval Reserve
Captain: D P Richards.
Commander: J F Holmes; N C D Hope; K J Kinsella; L G I Smith.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the Edinburgh International Conference Centre at 11.10.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will be present at the launching of the restored Air Sea Rescue launch number 102 at Calshot, Southampton Water, at 3.30.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Victim Support, will attend the annual conference at Warwick University at 11.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a service of thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.55 to mark the 50th anniversary of the National Blood Transfusion Service in England and Wales.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the Wimbledon championships at 11.25.

Princess Alexandra will attend at garden party given by the League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, at 3.30.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Legal appointments

Mr Justice Kirkwood and Mr Justice Lindsay to be judges of the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Battishill, chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 59; Mrs Justice Bracewell, 62; Mr Mark Cox, tennis player, 53; Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, former MP, 87; Mrs Elizabeth Emanuel, fashion designer, 43; Mr P.M. Fraenkel, civil engineer, 81; Sir Michael Hamilton, former MP, 78; Mr David Hanson, MP, 39; Mr Philip Madoc, actor, 62; Major-General Sir Jeremy Moore, 68; Sir Ian Prosser, chairman and chief executive, Bass, 53; Sir Simon Stewart, clinical oncologist, 41; Mr P.C. Tudball, former chairman, Baltic Exchange, 63; Sir John Ure, former diplomat, 65; Mr John Wright, cricketer, 42.

Faculty of Public Health Medicine

The Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK bestowed Honorary Fellowships on the following at its Annual General Meeting in Cardiff on July 4: Dr Jo Ivey Boufford, Mrs Yvonne Moores, Dr Johannes Mosbech and Professor Harrison Spencer. Fellowships through distinction were awarded to Dr Gérard Bréart, Dr Judith Lumley, Professor Frank-Peter Schelp and Professor Edwin Symonds.

Appointment

Sir John Boyd, who becomes Master of Churchill College, Cambridge in October, to be a Trustee of the British Museum.

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BIRTHS

BIBBY - On July 2nd, to Louise (née Baldwin) and John, a daughter, Jessica Frances, a sister for James.

BONNER - On 28th June, to Patricia Tehan and Martin Bonner, a son, Angus Patrick, a brother for William.

BOUCHER - On July 2nd 1996, to Sophie (née Soames) and Henry, a son, William and a daughter, Katherine.

de LA PASTURE - On June 15th, to Sarah and Jonathan, a son, Henry Louis Peter, a brother for Charles.

KENNEDY - On July 3rd 1996, to Rebecca (née Salt) and Alexander, a son, Edward Anthony Maxwell.

KITCHING - On July 2nd 1996 at Queen Charlotte's, to Sarah-Jane (née Allaker) and Simon, a son, Charles Benedict Frame, a brother for Vanessa and Annabel.

LAWES - On June 28th 1996, to Rebecca (née Youngman) and William, a son, Toby.

OPENSHAW - On July 4th, to Jenny (née Crossley) and Richard, a son, Peter Robert, a brother for Olivia.

STOLLER - Jo and Martin are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Etienne born 11th June 1996.

STOODLEY - On July 1st, to Anna (née Langtry) and Malcolm, a son, Callum James.

WITHEROW - On 1st July 1996, to Sarah (née Linton) and John, a daughter, Anna Cecilia Catherine, a sister for Sam and Roly.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On July 3rd peacefully at home after a brave fight against cancer, Cecil Harry aged 86, dearly loved husband of Mary. Funeral Service Wednesday July 10th at 12 noon at St Julian's Church, Wellow, Bath, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be sent to R.N.I.B. c/o Maggs F/D, 47 Valley View Road, Paulton, BS18 5PZ.

ASHBEE - Helen, sculptress/jeweller, on 15th June 1996 in Puglia, Italy.

BARRINGTON-WARD - Diana Beatrice Eleanor aged 95 years, on 28th June 1996 at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home, Warminster, Wilts. Much loved wife of the late John and mother of Jane and John. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations, if wished, to the Merlin Trust for the Encouragement of Young Gardeners, The Dower House, Boughton House, Kettering, Northants, NN14 1BJ.

CARDEN - Andrew, RE, RIBA., on 4th July, the loving father of Vanessa and Murray and the very dear husband of Elizabeth.

CESSFORD - Suddenly at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on 3rd July 1996, James C.P. Cessford (late of the Century Building Society). Dearly loved husband of Mollie, eldest son of the late J.C. Cessford and Ida Cessford, beloved father of Angela and Dell and father-in-law of David, grandfather of Marc, Andrea and Sasha. Funeral on Saturday 6th July 1996 at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, where a service will be held in the Main Chapel at 11.30am to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation, 45a Moray Place, Edinburgh.

CHAMBERS - Anne, former Headmistress of Bramley School, on 3rd July, aged 93. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Surrey on Thursday 11th July at 4.30pm. Thanksgiving service at Walton-on-the-Hill in September. Enquiries 01372 276430.

COPLEY - Katherine, widow of her beloved husband Jack, late of Mappowder, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully on 3rd July. No letters or flowers please. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 17th July at 11.40 am.

CRUMP - Maurice Crump CBE born London 1909 died 2nd July peacefully in his sleep leaving his loving stepdaughters Sara and Dagmar and many devoted grandchildren. Funeral at St Andrew's, Kingswood, Surrey on 10th July at 3 pm.

HADDEN - Gladys Vera (née Axton) passed away peacefully in Australia, April 16th 1905 - June 26th 1996. Passed on to be with her late husband, Frederick. Let light perpetual shine upon her. Your son Reg, and Valma, grand-daughters Dianne (and Ian) and Jenny. Great grandchildren Bonny, Karl and Elizabeth. Rest in peace.

LODGE PATCH - Dr. Ian Charles, on 1st July. Dearest husband of Pauline, beloved father of Emma, Mark and John, father-in-law to Jean and Grandpa to Edward, Jack and Joseph. Funeral Service on Thursday 11th July at St Jude's Church, Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to "Wanstead Baptist Church Emmanuel School Fund", c/o Mr. J Hadley, 4 Woodland Court, New Wanstead, London E11 2SP, for the building of a new school in Calcutta. "To be with Christ, which is far better."

NEALE - Pepa (Penny), much loved only daughter of Shelagh and George Neale, sister of John. On 29th June peacefully at her home in Tonbridge, after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral to be held at St Mary's, Hadlow, on Tuesday 16th July at 10 am followed by private cremation at 11am at Tunbridge Wells. No flowers by request but donations if wished to "Libra" c/o Ord-Hume, Funeral Directors, 33 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2RS.

OSBORN - Julian Edward suddenly in Bristol on July 1st 1996, dearest son of Ted and Peggy, greatly loved and loving brother of Nigel and Jeremy. Private funeral service in Southmead Hospital Chapel at 1.45 pm on July 9th. Family flowers only.

O'SULLIVAN - Maura (née O'Connor), widow of James Vincent O'Sullivan, late of Wimbledon and Harley Street, peacefully at home. Greatly missed. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetery 3.30pm Friday 19th July. No flowers please but donations to St Raphael's Hospice, London Road, North Cheam or S.P.E.C., All Saints Pastoral Centre, Fenney Lane, London Colney, Hertfordshire.

PEIRSE - On 3rd July, suddenly, Joan Helen aged 80. Much loved daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Peirse and sister of Dick. Funeral private. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, Tunbridge Wells, tel: (01892) 522462.

RUMBLE - Captain John Bertram RN (retd), beloved husband of Elizabeth, died peacefully on July 2nd 1996. He will be greatly missed by his first wife Jennifer, their children Peter, Sally-Anne, Nicola and Fiona and by many friends. No flowers by request but donations please to the Colchester Sea Cadets may be sent to W.H. Shephard Funeral Directors, 93/94 High Street, Colchester. A private cremation will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary the Virgin, Stoke-by-Nayland, on Friday 12th July at 3.30 pm.

SPIELMAN - On 2nd July 1996 at home Bryan aged 71 years. Funeral Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Tuesday 9th July at 2.30 pm. Cut flowers only please. All enquiries to Attree & Kent Ltd., tel: (01273) 688228.

WYATT - Sulwen (née Rees), suddenly on 1st July, wife of Wally, mother and grandma. She brought great love and happiness to many throughout her life, especially to children. She has given us all so much and we are so grateful to have known her. Cremation at Putney Vale Cemetery Tuesday 9th July at 2.15 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

METCALF - A Memorial Sung Mass (Mozart Requiem) for T.J. Tertius Metcalf on Monday July 22nd at 6 pm at Brompton Oratory. For invitation to meal afterwards at St Wilfrid's Hall please ring (0171) 584-1570 before 9th July.

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OBITUARIES

CLAY JONES

Clay Jones, OBE, former chairman of *Gardeners' Question Time*, died on July 3 aged 72. He was born on November 6, 1923.



CLAY JONES was the chairman of Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time* from 1985 to 1993, having been a panellist since the mid-1970s. To a large extent Jones gave the programme — a flagship of Radio 4 — its identity and personality. There were a staggering number of people (not all of them serious gardeners) who tuned in to the programme on Sundays at 2 o'clock, just to listen to Jones and to those unhurried, reassuring pearls of Welsh wisdom.

His metier was radio. On screen, as an occasional presenter for BBC2's *Gardeners' World*, Jones tended to look uncomfortable and a little ungainly (he was a large man). On radio, his sensible, down-to-earth approach towards plants and gardens showed to better advantage. He was an all-rounder, equally expert at talking about alpines, herbaceous borders and vegetables, and he exuded infectious enthusiasm for his subject. He liked to joke that cultivating a garden was more satisfying than having children. Those who knew him, however, sometimes questioned if he really was joking.

Jones displayed very human deficiencies in his own garden — perhaps one of the reasons for his popularity with listeners. His roses were covered with blackspot, which was the inevitable result, he liked to point out, of a cleaner environment (sulphur in the air used to prevent it). Like any passionate gardener, he modestly regarded his garden in Chepstow as being in a permanently unfinished state of evolution, and he did not particularly relish showing it off to strangers. He had mistakenly opened one of his previous gardens to the public. But the experiment had been abandoned after he had been awoken in the night to find on his doorstep a visitor clutching a diseased potato plant.

David Clay-Jones (as he was christened) was the son of a marine engineer. He grew up in Cardigan, but with the coming of the Depression, his father's ship was laid up and the crew paid off. In desperate financial plight, Jones's mother persuaded the family to sell their town house and to move to a small farm seven miles to the north. Her intention was that they should live off the land and, hopefully, make a profit on any produce which they had left over.

It was the remoteness and gloomy darkness which impressed Jones on his first night there. But he swiftly began to enjoy the horticultural aspects of life on a farm, particularly growing vegetables. He was educated at Cardigan Grammar School, and it was there that he became know as Clay — his mother's maiden name, and an apt one for a gardener. In a class of 33 there were 14 Joneses, many of those called David. Jones wanted something to distinguish himself from the other boys.

During the war Jones served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He ended the war serving as a captain in Burma. Afterwards he attended University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, reading Botany, Zoology and Chemistry. In his flat, which he shared with his wife Glenys, he began his first decorative planting. He brought wooden tomato boxes from the greengrocer, painted them blue, and filled them with nasturtiums.

After his finals, he signed on for a year as assistant gardener and labourer in the university's botanic gardens. He joined Bees, the seed company, in 1952 and at the same time bought a semi-detached house in Wallasey, across the Mersey from Liverpool. There, for the first time in his life, he had a garden of his own. He cleared the weeds, planted a mock orange for colour and scent, a climbing rose and herbaceous perennials.

In 1957 he joined Cuthbert's as production manager of its seed company at Llangollen. He remained with the company as a director until 1977, and thereafter continued as a freelance technical adviser. But by this time his broadcasting career had, more by accident than design, taken over most of his waking hours.

His first broadcast had been in June 1960. This was in Welsh, transmitted from the BBC's Bangor studio. The programme initially consisted of a 15-minute talk to gardeners about what tasks they should be undertaking in the garden in the different seasons. After a year, the producer decided to produce a Welsh-speaking version of *Gardeners' Question Time*, consisting of three panellists (one of them being Jones) and a chairman.

In 1976 Jones was invited by Ken Ford, the producer of *Gardeners' Question Time*, to join the national panel. The programme was then already a 30-year-old institution, having been broadcast 52 weeks a year, with repeats, since 1947. In 1985, after nine years as a panellist, Jones was asked to chair the programme. By then he had moved to a new house with a two-acre garden and woodland on a south-facing sheltered hillside overlooking the Severn Estuary: "a bit of horticultural paradise".

Television viewers might have seen Jones during the early 1990s as a contributor on *Gardeners' World*, with Geoff Hamilton as presenter. Jones teamed up with Roy Lancaster to visit magnificent gardens across the country. He was appointed OBE in 1990.

His chairmanship of *Gardeners' Question Time* came to an unhappy conclusion in 1993. In June that year (a month before he suffered a mild heart attack), Jones was abruptly informed that the BBC intended to hand the programme over to independent producers. The whole of the old team was unhappy about the idea, none more so than Jones, who retired shortly afterwards. The idea of a Clay Jones-less *Gardeners' Question Time* horrified the nation's gardeners. Stefan Buczacki manfully stepped in and chaired the programme while Jones was recovering from the heart attack. Then Jones announced that he would not be returning and retired. A well-publicised walkout by the rest of the panel followed. They left to go to a new programme, set up in direct competition, *Classic Gardening Forum* on Classic FM.

The new team on *Gardeners' Question Time* settled down quickly, despite dire predictions that the programme was dying. It soon re-established its old, healthy listening figures. The Classic FM progamme, after its optimistic launch, did not fare so well.

The long hours stripped to the waist in his garden showed in Jones's handsome, lined face, which seemed to be a permanent chestnut brown colour. Fellow experts would be surprised to find Jones at a show, his tan darker than ever in the middle of February. This was usually because he had just returned from some *QE2* cruise or other, as the ship's gardening expert.

He is survived by his wife Glenys and their two children.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BILL KAULBACK

Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Kaulback, DSO, died on June 27 aged 85. He was born on May 11, 1911.



BILL KAULBACK pursued an intrepid and courageous career as a soldier and traveller. He won a DSO in the field in Germany in May 1945 while commanding the 1st Battalion of The York and Lancaster Regiment in the 5th Infantry Division.

The Allies had just forced the crossing of the River Elbe in their advance across Germany and their bridgehead at Lauenberg had been thrown back to the river by a strong German counterattack. Kaulback's battalion counter-attack quickly broke through the German front and he himself, following with his Tactical Headquarters close behind the leading companies, came suddenly under fire from an enemy position which had lain concealed. Taking one officer and two men whom he had with him, Kaulback attacked on foot immediately, carrying the position and forcing the 72 shaken survivors to lay down their arms and surrender.

Roy James Alfred Kaulback was born at Kingston, Ontario, where his father was adjutant at the Canadian Royal Military College. He was educated at Rugby and Pembroke College, Cambridge, but, descended from a long line of soldier forebears, he was keen to follow ancestral example and received a territorial commission into the Royal Artillery while still an undergraduate. In 1932 he took a regular commission with the Royal Irish Fusiliers and went on to see active service with the regiment in India, Sudan, Egypt, Cyprus and Palestine, where he participated in the suppression of the Arab revolt of 1936.

An accomplished horseman, athlete and boxer, at 21 Kaulback won the inter-services light heavyweight boxing championship of India. In 1933, having been granted leave, he left India, crossing the Himalayas on foot, to explore Tibet. Journeying back again several months later through the remote Yak La Pass, he was the first recorded white man to take this route.

A year later, while his regiment was stationed at Khartoum, he was given leave and, having arranged with Wilfred Thesiger, then the district officer, for camels to be ready for him at Kuttum in the far western Sudan, he set off to explore the almost unknown open desert lying between Sudan and the Tibesti mountains nearly 1,000 miles away. He mapped by compass traverse and discovered hitherto unrecorded palaeolithic rock paintings. On his return he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

In 1941 he passed out top of his course at the Army Staff College, Camberley, and in 1942 was posted to command the 1/6th Queen's Regiment in the Desert Rats, the 7th Armoured Division. With them he fought in all the Eighth Army battles from El Alamein to that at Medenine in Tunisia.

On January 22, 1943 his division, racing to capture and open the port of Tripoli, was held up by a strong Afrika Korps rearguard of artillery and machineguns blockading the Tarhuna Pass and the long defile through the mountains leading down to the plain and Tripoli itself.

One battalion, sent out early that morning to dislodge the enemy, had vanished, lost in the mountains. But delay was unacceptable and that evening Kaulback, despite lacking proper maps, led his battalion 15 miles along goat-tracks to outflank the Germans and thus force their withdrawal. As the last light was fading they were seen and came under fire, but bravely persisting onwards they reached the plain and were able to report the pass and defile clear.

The next night the divisional armour was again held up, this time by anti-tank ditches closing the Tripoli road. Kaulback, leading his men, scaled the obstacles. Tripoli fell to the 7th Armoured Division tanks before dawn.

Two months later, during the battle at Medenine, Kaulback was the sole survivor of his tactical headquarters when a shell exploded in its midst. He lost an eye, but with typical courage insisted on personally handing over the battle to his second-in-command before being taken to the rear to have his wounds dressed.

During his convalescence he organised training and manoeuvres in Syria and Palestine for nine months but, impatient to return to action, he cajoled a medical officer to pass him fit. He rejoined the fighting in January 1944 in command of the 1st Battalion The York and Lancashire Regiment on the Cassino-Garigliano front in Italy. He commanded that battalion until the end of the war and was mentioned in dispatches twice.

After the war he was appointed Chief of Staff to General Sir Richard Gale and was involved in the troubles in the Middle East that preceded the ending of the British Mandate and the establishment of the State of Israel.

In 1946 — despite strong resistance from the Military Secretary, General "Boy" Browning, who considered him too valuable for the Army to lose — Kaulback joined the Iraq Petroleum Company.

He went on to work in the oil industry for the next 15 years, ending up in 1958 to 1960 by taking charge of the construction of a giant multi-million-pound oil terminal in the Persian Gulf.

He spent a quiet retirement in Cadogan Gardens, London.

Bill Kaulback is survived by his wife Fenja, and by their daughter and three sons.

ANDE ANDERSON

Alan ("Ande") Anderson, opera producer, died on June 19 aged 78. He was born in South Shields on September 18, 1917.

FOR more than twenty years Ande Anderson was the man responsible for getting the show on stage at the Royal Opera. He was appointed resident producer at Covent Garden in 1959, moving on to be production director in 1972 and holding the post until 1979. His basic job was to polish the work that other more famous directorial hands had left behind, discreetly cutting out any faux pas when operas were revived and making sure that new singers settled comfortably into their roles.

Each season nine or ten revivals would carry the Anderson name as "associate producer" and it was he who ensured that all looked as right on stage as circumstances would allow. In those days international directors, such as Franco Zeffirelli and Luchino Visconti, were disinclined to return to their handiwork once it was in place: another engagement usually claimed their time and energy. It was left to Anderson and his colleagues to reinterpret them.

He was excellently fitted for the job. Unselfish in the extreme, Anderson was adept at helping others to hold the limelight. In a profession where feelings of personal insecurity run high, especially among singers, he was a soother of frayed nerves. Equally he knew how to get the best out of lesser beings, especially the chorus when it lapsed into moods of lethargy or truculence. Anderson constantly had to work against the clock, whether it was a lack of rehearsal time on economy grounds or because a last-minute replacement had flown in for an ailing star. All this he did with constant cheerfulness.

Optimism was one of the chief Anderson strengths. He was a Geordie through and through, stockily built with piercing blue eyes and, in his younger days, reddish blond hair which might have been described as Titian had he been of the other sex. The ever-present smile was cherubic and at times it needed to be. One night a sandbag from the flies whistled past the left ear of a Wotan about to go on stage. Most production directors would have exploded with rage and oaths, but Anderson merely remarked: "Jolly good job that was a miss." He knew how to get the evening's opera on with a minimum of fuss and, if needs be, a minimum of rehearsal.

Anderson joined the Royal Opera House in 1948 as one of a tiny team of three stage managers at a time when the company was struggling to its feet after the war. He had studied theatre at the Northern School of Dramatic Art in the late 1930s with a view to becoming an actor. His war service was spent with the Royal West African Frontier Force, in which he reached the rank of captain, and included some time with ENSA towards the end of hostilities. He had a brief period in the straight theatre before becoming committed almost exclusively to opera for the rest of his professional life.

At Covent Garden he was appointed stage manager by Sir David Webster in 1956, before becoming assistant producer in 1958 and resident producer the following year. The Royal Opera was well aware of Anderson's usefulness and this was one reason why he was allocated few new productions of his own. Another was his extreme reluctance to go in and thump the table with personal demands. A well known soprano was apt to remark: "In this business you need elbows." Anderson did not have elbows, except to use on behalf of others. He had to watch some of his colleagues go on to international careers while he stayed at home.

However, he did stage on his own account Puccini's *Il tabarro* in 1965 with considerable success, not least because of Tito Gobbi's presence in the cast. Gobbi and Anderson became good friends, each admiring the other's outright professionalism. In 1968 Tippett's *Midsummer Marriage*, lumbered with indifferent sets, was less happy and Puccini's *Manon Lescaut* unhappier still. For the latter the sets, in the interests of utterly false economy, were cannibalised from other productions and sophisticated critics played games of "Spot the Source" in their reviews.

Otherwise he was mainly content to work in the shadow of others, or at times alongside them. Near the beginning of his career there was a particularly effective partnership with one of the *grandes dames* of Italian opera, Margherita Wallmann, on Poulenc's *The Carmelites*. Together they staged the work in a number of different houses and she became a considerable influence on him. In 1970 he was co-producer with Geraint Evans on *Billy Budd* for the Chicago Lyric Opera.



But most of his work outside Covent Garden was for more modest institutions. In 1967 he directed Weber's *Oberon*, for the Cambridge University Opera Society and made contact with an undergraduate called Paul Findlay, whom he later took onto his staff. Findlay went on to become director of the opera company at the Garden. There were productions, too, in South Africa, which approved of Anderson's traditionalist approach to his art.

In 1979 he switched from being production director of the Royal Opera to become its general manager. The change was not altogether welcome and he continued to work on revivals even after his retirement from the company in 1982. By that time his main concern was the career of his second wife, the soprano Josephine Barstow, who had previously been married to the theatre director, Terry Hands.

Anderson's own first wife was the Covent Garden mezzo, Josephine Veasey, whom he had first directed in *Madame Butterfly* in 1959. That marriage ended in divorce and he married in 1959 Josephine Barstow, after working with her on *Peter Grimes*. He shared her love of horses and the countryside and they lived surrounded by both in Sussex until his death. She survives him, together with a son and a daughter from the first marriage.

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DEFEAT OF WILLARD.

VICTORY OF DEMPSEY IN THE THIRD ROUND.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW YORK, July 4.

Dempsey beat Willard in the fight for the World's Heavyweight Championship today. At the end of the third round Willard's seconds threw up the sponge.

Willard describes his defeat in these words: In the first round, when Dempsey hit me with a left hook I tried hard to continue, but was rapidly losing strength. My eye was closed at the end of the third round, and I realised it would be useless for me to continue, as I could hardly see. It is hard to admit defeat, but Dempsey is the hardest puncher I ever faced.

Dempsey said after the fight: I told you I would knock him out first round, and to all intents and purposes that is what I did. He took a lot of punishment in the next two rounds, but was so feeble that I hated to have to hit him.

TOLEDO, JULY 4.

Spectators, including many women, began to stream into the arena at noon. The usual morning preliminary bouts attracted little attention. The heat was intense, the thermometer at 1 o'clock registering 112 degrees.

Dempsey's victory was never in doubt from the moment the fight began. In the first round Dempsey landed on the body a blow from which Willard never recovered. The gong alone saved the big fellow from defeat, for, with swollen cheeks and the right eye closed, Dempsey knocked him down and threw him helpless against the ropes seven times.

When time was called Willard landed the first blow, a light left to the head, and then followed up with a right and left to the head. Dempsey hooked a left to Willard's stomach, but missed a left and right to him. Willard snapped a left to the jaw. Dempsey knocked Willard down with a right to the jaw twice.

Dempsey had to be called back into the ring for the second round because he thought he had won the fight. Willard managed to stagger into his corner. Dempsey rushed at Willard in Willard's corner, pounding on the jaw with rights and lefts, and the champion's right eye was closing from the blows which Dempsey landed. The challenger walked around Willard, carefully measuring him with rights and left to the jaw. Willard was now dazed. Dempsey put three lefts to the bad eye, and Willard landed a feeble uppercut.

In the final round Dempsey hit Willard twice with lefts to the jaw, following up with a right to the jaw and a left to the body. He continued peppering Willard's jaw without return and backed Willard to the ropes, hammering him with lefts and rights to the jaw and body. Dempsey had blood streaming from the champion's mouth with a right and left to the head. Willard landed a stinging uppercut on Dempsey's jaw, and Dempsey retaliated with a left to the jaw. The challenger, though unmarked was covered with blood pouring from Willard's mouth, and gave Willard a right and left to the jaw as the bell rang - *Reuter*.

While the two boxers were quietly awaiting the moment of their appearance in the ring, the city of Toledo endured an orgy of over-crowding, gambling, drinking, and general confusion. The city authorities estimated that 150,000 people had arrived by this afternoon. Professional gamblers, "confidence men," and other tricksters and liquor smugglers have come by the thousand, and are reaping a rich harvest. So, of course, are the hotel proprietors and shopkeepers, and any number of private citizens. Sixty dollars is the charge for bed prices, and everything else is in proportion, so that it is being said the fight will enable Toledo to pay off the whole of the city debt.

ON THIS DAY

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Jess Willard had been champion for four years when he fought Jack Dempsey (1895-1983) who gave away more than four stones in weight. Dempsey lost the title to Gene Tunney on points in 1926.

NEWS

Carey tells Lincoln priests to resign

■ THE Archbishop of Canterbury put his authority on the line by demanding the resignation of two senior clergy who have been feuding for years over the running of Lincoln Cathedral.

Dr George Carey said that the dispute between the Dean and his Subdean was a cancer on the body of Lincoln and a scandal dishonouring the name of the Lord. The animosity between the two men was such that neither was able to fulfil his basic role as a priest ..... **Pages 1, 9**

Chinese kidnap victim freed in London

■ A Chinese chef has been freed after a 12-day kidnap ordeal during which he was threatened with having his arm chopped off as part of a £40,000 ransom bid. Scotland Yard officers found 25-year-old Xiao Ming Cao handcuffed to radiators after raiding an address in north London..... **Page 1**

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Barring last-minute hitches, the Prince of Wales will today table his proposals for ending his marriage, ending three months of waiting..... **Page 1**

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■ Millions of Americans celebrated Independence Day by watching the total destruction of New York, Washington and Los Angeles, a nuclear explosion over Houston, and the White House exploding into a fireball. Cinemas stayed open around the clock to cater for the huge demand for the film *Independence Day*..... **Page 17**

IAN STEWART



Tim Henman's mother and father, centre and right, and other family members follow his quarter-final defeat at Wimbledon yesterday

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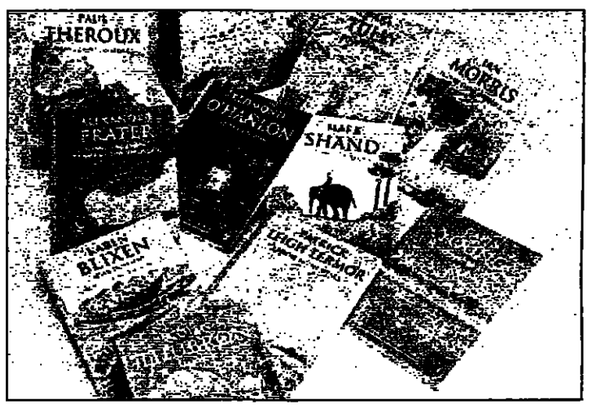
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Yeltsin's victory eliminates the main danger which underlay the election campaign: the triumphal restoration of Soviet Communism, albeit in Zyuganov's revisionist guise. But it would be a tragic error to suppose that the dark clouds in Russia's skies have cleared altogether. The mystery of Yeltsin's health recalls the bad old days of Brezhnev and Andropov and General Lebed, the Robespierre of the Red Army, is poised to take over
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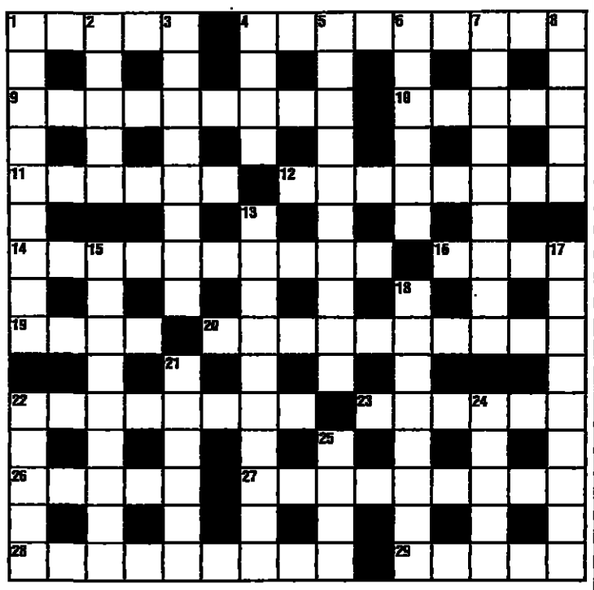
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Southport, Lancashire, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.54in; highest sunshine: Bristol 12.9hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have sunny spells but showers in the west will spread rapidly east during the morning. Some of the showers will become heavy with thunder in places. It will be fairly breezy again and rather cool.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers. However, much of northern Scotland and the Northern Isles will remain cloudy with outbreaks of rain. It will be fairly breezy, and cool especially where rain is persistent.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow:** sunny spells. Showers breaking out, some heavy with thunder, but dying out during the evening. Wind northwest moderate but gusty. Rather cool. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** sunny intervals and showers. Wind moderate or fresh northwesterly. Rather cool. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** bright or sunny intervals and showers. Wind northwesterly fresh. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly cloudy, outbreaks of rain. Wind west or northwest fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** rather cloudy and showery, some bright or sunny intervals. Wind northwest fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** sunshine and showers, with the showers most frequent and heavy tomorrow.

Pollen forecast: low in Scotland and London; low to moderate in N Ireland, N England, E Anglia, SW England, Wales; moderate in the Midlands and SE England.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.5	0.07	15	59	sh	Littlehmptn	7.2	0.10	18	64	s
Anglesey	5.6	0.19	16	61	sh	London	6.5	0.20	18	64	sh
Aspatria	5.7	0.23	16	61	sh	Lowestoft	8.0	0.30	20	68	sh
Aviemore	7.9	0.01	17	63	sh	Manchester	4.0	0.17	16	61	sh
Belfast	5.3	0.07	17	63	sh	Margate	9.7	0.07	19	66	s
Birmingham	8.6	0.01	19	66	sh	Minehead	11.3	0.16	18	64	sh
Bognor R	8.2	0.07	17	63	s	Morecambe	3.6	0.24	16	61	r
Bournem'th	8.4	0.02	18	64	s	Newcastle	6.7	0.03	16	61	sh
Bristol	12.9	0.13	17	63	sh	Newquay	8.8	0.09	18	64	s
Buxton	5.8	0.08	14	57	b	Norwich	5.5	0.06	19	66	sh
Cardiff	X					Oxford	8.4	0.04	1966		
Colwyn Bay	5.5	0.01	17	63	sh	Penzance	X	0.01	18	64	sh
Cromer	7.0	0.11	19	66	sh	Poole	8.8	0.01	21	70	s
Dunbar	5.1	0.06	15	59	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.02	17	63	sh
Eastbourne	6.3	0.23	17	63	s	Ross-o-wye	7.5	0.01	17	63	b
Edinburgh	4.7	0.22	18	64	sh	Ryde	7.0	0.01	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	2.6	0.54	15	59	sh	Salcombe	7.1	0.01	17	63	b
Exmouth	5.5	0.01	19	66	s	Sandown	6.5	0.02	18	64	s
Falmouth	X					Saunin Snd	8.4	0.06	17	63	s
Fishguard	8.1	.	18	61	b	Scarboro'	12.1	0.17	16	61	s
Folkestone	8.4	0.09	17	63	s	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	5.7	0.23	17	63	sh	Shrewsbury	3.3	0.03	17	63	sh
Guernsey	8.7	0.23	19	66	s	Skegness	9.4	0.01	19	66	b
Hastings	7.4	0.13	17	63	s	Southend			18	64	sh
Hayling I.	7.2	0.01	17	63	s	Southport	5.4	0.04	11	52	r
Hove	6.6	0.09	17	63	b	Southsea	6.2	0.01	17	63	s
Hunstanton	X	0.28	19	66	r	Stornoway	3.0	0.28	13	55	r
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	7.5	0.01	17	63	s
Isle of Man	8.2	0.09	17	63	sh	Teignmouth	6.5	0.01	19	66	b
Jersey	5.7	0.13	19	66	sh	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	4.3	0.20	16	61	b	Tiree	8.3	0.04	14	57	sh
Leeds	8.9	0.07	17	63	sh	Torquay	6.5	0.07	19	66	b
Lerwick	0.6	0.24	11	52	r	Vanimor	7.6	0.03	18	61	s
Leuchars	4.1	0.13	17	63	sh	Weymouth	7.5	0.01	16	61	s

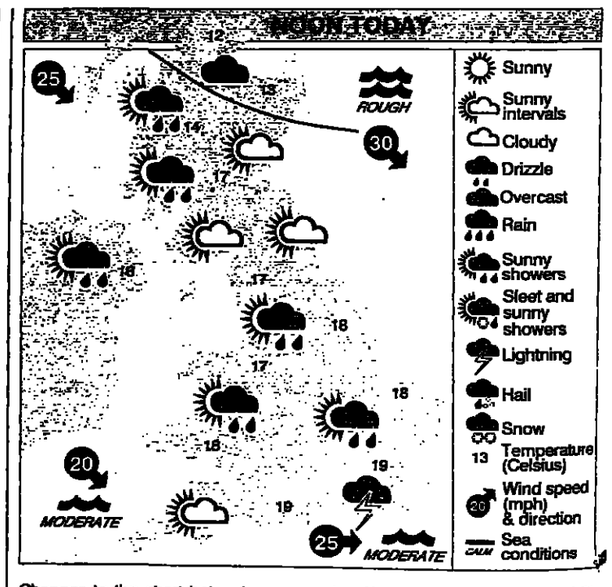
ABROAD

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Akrotiri	29	84	s	C'phagn	16	61	f	Malaga	26	79	c
Alex'dria	29	84	c	Dublin	16	61	c	Malta	31	88	s
Algiers	27	81	c	Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	18	64	r	Faro	24	75	s	Mexico C	X		
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	27	81	f	Miami	33	91	s
B Aires	12	54	f	Frankfurt	21	70	f	Milan	23	73	s
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	23	73	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	21	70	s	Moscow	21	70	c
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	26	79	s	Munich	19	66	f
Barcelona	24	75	s	Helsinki	12	54	r	N Delhi	34	93	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	28	82	s	N York	21	70	s
Belgrade	24	75	f	Innsbruck	19	66	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	19	66	f	Istanbul	26	82	s	Naples	26	82	c
Bermuda	26	79	c	Jeddah	34	93	s	Nice	24	75	s
Biarritz	24	75	f	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	16	61	c
Borde'x	20	68	c	L Angels	20	68	f	Paris	19	66	c
Brussels	20	68	f	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	30	86	f
Budapst	21	70	f	Le Touqt	18	64	f	Perth	16	59	c
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Prague	19	66	s
Cape Tn	16	59	f	Locarno	21	70	s	Reykjavik	11	52	f
Ch church	4	39	X	Luxembg	19	66	f	Rhodes	31	88	s
Chicago	24	75	s	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	22	72	s
Cologne	19	66	f	Madrid	29	84	s	Riyadh	42	108	s

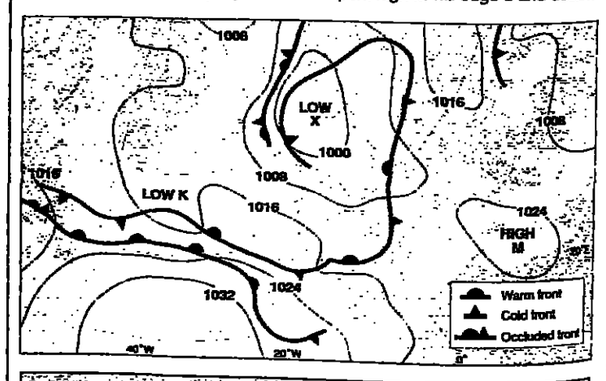
Majorca	26	79	s	Rome	24	75	f	Stockholm	19	66	f
Malaga	26	79	c	S Fr'isco	18	64	s	Sydney	16	61	s
Malta	31	88	s	S Paulo	22	72	c	Tangier	24	75	s
Melb'rne	15	59	f	Salzburg	20	68	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Mexico C	X			Santiago	14	57	s	Tenerife	28	82	s
Miami	33	91	s	Seoul	27	81	s	Tokyo	29	84	s
Milan	23	73	s	Sing'por	28	82	f	Toronto	17	63	f
Montreal	23	73	s	Sr'kholm	13	55	sh	Tunis	30	86	s
Moscow	21	70	c	Strasb'rg	22	72	s	Valencia	26	82	s
Munich	19	66	f	Sydney	16	61	s	Vanc'ver	17	63	r
N Delhi	34	93	s	Tangier	24	75	s	Venice	23	73	f
N York	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s	Vienna	21	70	f
Nairobi	23	73	c	Tenerife	28	82	s	Warsaw	20	68	f
Naples	26	82	c	Tokyo	29	84	s	Wash'ton	29	79	f
Nice	24	75	s	Toronto	17	63	f	Wel'ngton	8	46	X
Oslo	16	61	c	Tunis	30	86	s	Zurich	19	66	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low X will remain stationary and fill slowly; low K will track rapidly SW and deepen; high M will edge S and decline



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.43	7.4	4.58	7.1	Leith	5.24	5.7	6.00	5.9
Aberdeen	4.02	4.3	4.46	4.1	Liverpool	1.55	9.8	2.24	9.4
Avonmouth	10.11	13.5	10.31	13.4	Lowestoft	0.16	2.5	12.16	2.7
Belfast	1.45	3.7	2.22	3.4	Margate	2.51	4.9	2.59	4.8
Cardiff	9.56	11.9	10.18	11.9	Milford Haven	9.11	6.9	9.34	7.0
Devonport	8.54	5.3	9.08	5.5	Newquay	7.55	6.7	8.18	6.9
Dover	1.38	6.7	2.02	6.9	Oban	8.28	3.6	8.57	3.6
Dublin (N Wall)	2.03	4.3	2.49	4.6	Penzance	7.30	5.4	7.54	5.6
Falmouth	8.04	4.9	8.28	5.2	Portland	9.50	2.1	10.08	2.1
Greenock	3.08	3.7	3.46	3.3	Portsmouth	1.59	4.8	2.35	4.8
Harwich	2.31	4.2	2.50	4.1	Shoreham	1.54	6.3	2.25	6.4
Holyhead	0.52	5.6	1.26	5.4	Southampton	1.22	4.7	1.54	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	8.59	7.8	9.39	7.4	Swansea	9.18	9.5	9.40	9.5
Ilfracombe	8.58	9.4	9.21	9.4	Tees	6.30	5.6	7.11	5.8
King's Lynn	8.53	7.3	9.21	6.6	Watton-on-Naze	2.24	4.4	2.43	4.3

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.51 am
Sun sets: 9.19 pm
Moon sets 10.36 am
Moon rises 11.38 pm
Last quarter July 7

London 9.19 pm to 4.52 am
Bristol 9.28 pm to 5.02 am
Edinburgh 8.59 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.49 am
Penzance 9.34 pm to 5.20 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY JULY 5 1996

Biggest association endorses deal

Names group ready to back Lloyd's terms

BY JON ASHWORTH

LLOYD'S of London's revised settlement offer to members has received a resounding endorsement from the biggest Lloyd's names' association. The Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) has written to names, recommending that they accept the £3.1 billion offer.

The ALM commendation moves the settlement a considerable step closer to acceptance, and clears the way for huge success fees for committee members of the various Lloyd's action groups. Names will be told later this month precisely how much they will have to pay — or in some cases receive — in order to wipe the slate clean at Lloyd's. Final acceptances are due by August 28, and the process should be completed by the end of September.

The move follows concern about events in America, which threatened to undermine the Lloyd's recovery plan. Action has been taken by various US state securities commissioners after representations by local names, casting a question over whether US names would be allowed to participate in the settlement offer.

Lloyd's is thought to be close to clinching a deal with the various state commissioners, and hopes to resolve the issue in time for the Lloyd's annual meeting on July 15. Talks were broken off for the July 4 celebrations, and are due to resume next week.

Lloyd's proposals received a fillip late last month, when the committee of the Merrett Names' Association voted unanimously to commend the Lloyd's recovery plan to its 2,000 members. Now, the committee of the ALM, with 9,000 members, has followed suit, saying the offer is unlikely to be improved.

Sir David Berriman, ALM chairman, says, in a letter to members: "The ALM committee has now reviewed all aspects of Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal plan (R&R) and has concluded overwhelmingly that Lloyd's final settlement offer . . . is to be commended to names. The terms are substantially better than those offered in 1994, and the offer will secure many of the objectives and concessions that names have sought. Having been closely engaged in the lengthy negotiations, your committee sees no scope for further improvement."

Sir David adds: "Despite some remaining defects, names should think long and hard before rejecting their individual offer. There can now be no doubt that the R&R plan is the best way forward, and the future for those who reject it is likely to be bleak."

Lloyd's welcomed the ALM endorsement. A spokesman said: "The ALM has been consistently supportive, though not uncritical, of our settlement plans. We are very pleased that they have urged their members to support it, as this is further evidence of majority support for a settlement."

Further support came from Damon de Laszlo, chairman of the Feltrim Names Association, who said: "I think it is the best that can be achieved in the time available. It is a big improvement on what we've seen before."

The R&R plan has been the subject of heated discussion since March, when names were issued with preliminary statements. Two months later, Lloyd's increased the size of the proposed settlement from £2.8 billion to £3.1 billion, and reduced premiums payable to Equitas, the proposed new reinsurance company, by £900 million to about £1 billion.

Lloyd's latest results, due next week, are expected to confirm a profit of £1.1 billion to £1.2 billion for the 1993 underwriting year.

Attention has already started to shift to the amount of success fees due to chairmen and committee members of the various Lloyd's action groups. It has been estimated that some action group leaders may gain £800,000 to £1.5 million or more.



Berriman: commends offer



Chelsea winners Matthew Harding, left, who gains £15.5m on his newly acquired 25 per cent stake, and Ken Bates

Caspian chairman questioned in DTI insider dealing inquiry

BY JASON NISSÉ

THE chairman of Caspian Group, which yesterday unveiled a £16.5 million offer for Leeds United Football Club, is involved in a Department of Trade and Industry investigation into insider dealing in another company of which he was chairman.

Chris Akers, a City financier, said he was "helping the DTI with their inquiries", over an investigation into possible insider dealing last summer in Blagg, a builders merchants.

Mr Akers became chairman of Blagg in August, sending the shares from 6p to 22p in a matter of days. He resigned earlier this year when the company changed its name to FreePages after a £44 million reverse takeover.

The DTI is now investigating whether there may be grounds for proscecutions after being passed by the Stock Exchange evidence of insider dealing.

Mr Akers would not say what his interviews with the DTI concerned, but David Hickey of Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank advising Caspian, said he did not think it was relevant to the Leeds United deal.

Caspian is offering £16.5 million for the shares in Leeds and will put another £12 million into the club. It is funding this through a £28 million share issue at 18.5p, some of which will be offered to Leeds' shareholders and season ticket holders.

The plan is to develop Leeds United as a general sporting club. Caspian intends to apply for both ice hockey and basketball franchises, and possibly buy either a rugby league or rugby union club. It also wants to develop an 8,000-seat indoor arena and a leisure complex next door to the club's ground at Elland Road.

Deal struck at Chelsea

MATTHEW HARDING was yesterday handed a paper profit of £15.5 million on the 25 per cent stake he is buying in Chelsea Football Club (Jason Nissé writes).

The new deal makes Mr Harding vice-chairman of the club and ends months of battling between him and Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman. Chelsea's shares leapt 23p to 91p, valuing Mr Harding's stake at £30.5 million.

Mr Harding is pumping in £5 million through 9.6 million new shares at 52p, and is buying another 9.6 million shares from Rysaffe, the Hong Kong company that controls Chelsea. He can also convert £5 million worth of loan stock at 35p a share.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3760.6	(+46.5)
Yield	4.04%	
FT-SE A All share	1875.47	(+17.09)
Nikkei	22292.91	(–86.11)
New York:		
Dow Jones	Closed	
S&P Composite	.....	

US RATE

Federal Funds	Closed	(5¼%)
Long Bond	.....	(88¹¹/₃₂)
Yield	.....	(6.93%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5⅝%	(5⅝%)
Life long gilt future (Sep)	106²⁵/₃₂	(106¹¹/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	Closed	(1.5640)
London:		
$	1.5602	(1.5590)
DM	2.3770	(2.3777)
FFr	8.0364	(8.0380)
SFr	1.9580	(1.9566)
Yen	172.21	(172.37)
£ Index	86.8	(86.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	Closed	(1.5208)
FFr	.....	(5.1421)
SFr	.....	(1.2522)
Yen	.....	(110.43)
$ Index	97.2	(97.4)

Tokyo close Yen 110.33

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$19.00 ($18.70)

GOLD

London close	$381.05 ($382.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Sales drive

Sales of new cars could top two million this year, to reach their highest level for six years after the third successive monthly increase in registrations suggested that the motor industry is finally breaking out of the doldrums.
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Departure

Eurotherm saw £66 million wiped off its stock market value in less than two hours after the resignation of Claes Hultman, chief executive. The surprise announcement sent the shares plunging 70p to 518p.
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BMW tightens its grip at Rover

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

BMW completed its clean sweep of top jobs at Rover yesterday by appointing one of its German directors as chief executive. Walter Hasselkus, head of the company's motorcycle division, takes over from John Towers, who walked out of Rover amid rumours that he was being sidelined by the German parent business.

The appointment will confirm speculation that BMW has decided to take full control of its British subsidiary to ensure it gets value for its estimated annual £800 million investment.

BMW now has a firm grip on its British subsidiary, with Wolfgang Reitzle, effectively the number two in the BMW organisation, installed as chairman; and Tom Purves, the Scottish former managing director of BMW (GB), looking after Rover sales.

BMW gave an assurance that Rover would remain a completely British company and said that Dr Hasselkus, who takes over on September 1, was appointed because the company could not find a suitable British chief executive in time. BMW also wanted a candidate who could not only run a major company, but who also had experience of running a subsidiary of a larger business.

A company spokesman said: "Rover will remain a purely British company. There will be a clear product division. The corporate strategy remains unchanged."

With much large-scale investment required at Rover, BMW wants to ensure the cash is directed to the right places, developing cars which will not compete with BMW's mainstream products and which will be exportable to key new markets, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.

ING agrees to £40m settlement

BY ROBERT MILLER

ABBEY NATIONAL has reached an out-of-court settlement believed to be worth £40 million with ING, the Dutch owner of Barings, over a joint derivatives venture caught up in the crash of the merchant bank.

In a joint statement yesterday, the two sides said that they had reached a "mutually satisfactory settlement" over Abbey's original claim for a figure thought to be in the region of £75 million.

This was based on the £30 million the joint business held in cash at the time and the £5 million profit that the Abbey National Barings Derivatives operation made in its first year of operation and then projected over a five-year period.

Abbey National argued that it should seek to recoup more on the basis of a loss of future earnings in the company that began trading in 1993.

Costain rescued by Malaysians

BY OLIVER AUGUST

COSTAIN, the troubled construction company which had its shares suspended last week, was yesterday rescued by the Intria group of Malaysia after the delayed publication of £142 million losses for 1995.

Intria will take a 40 per cent stake in Costain as part of a £73 million 3-for-1 rights issue, which amounts to a cash injection of £41 million by the Malaysians.

Under the rescue package, Costain's bank creditors are underwriting the remaining new shares on the basis of a debt-for-equity swap, which could leave the banks with up to 35 per cent of the company.

The Costain board believes that raising new funds is the key to turning around its desperate position as well as maintaining the support of the banks. Alan Lovell, the chief executive, said that, after negotiations with a number of interested parties, they had concluded that the Intria offer was the best.

"The significant fund-raising will transform Costain's balance sheet and provide us with a firm base from which to move forward. In addition, our association with Intria will help to provide new business opportunities in Malaysia and elsewhere."

Intria, a construction group with a market capitalisation of £450 million, is very well connected throughout the Pacific Rim, according to Mr Lovell. Costain is already negotiating several new contracts in Asia based on Intria recommendations.

Costain's board will be expanded to include four new Intria directors, including Mohd Hussein as corporate development director.

Costain shares will remain suspended until an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders has approved the deal and final results have been posted, scheduled for July 31.

Mr Lovell acknowledged that some uncertainty still surrounded the deal, especially as Costain's large shareholders from Kuwait have not yet announced their reaction to the deal.

Yesterday's preliminary results still looked bleak but Mr Lovell insisted that orders are rising. Year-on-year losses dropped from £180 million to £142 million, with £93 million of exceptional losses caused by a writedown of assets. These include the Spitalfields development where building work will start next month.

Order books are said to be fuller than at any time in the last four years but dividends will not be paid for the sixth year running.

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Hornby chief's £720,000 payoff

BY CLARE STEWART

HORNBY, the loss-making toy maker, is to pay Keith Ness, its former chief executive, a compensation package of £720,000.

Mr Ness, who left Hornby in October in a boardroom shake-up, had been with the group since 1982, and was on a three-year rolling contract, with an annual salary and benefits package of £150,000. He was entitled to a guaranteed annual bonus of £150,000.

Peter Newey, Hornby's executive chairman, admitted that the payment to Mr Ness was "a large figure, given the size of company", but said that it was less than his entitlement under his contract.

Mr Ness, 53, who has yet to be replaced, was unable to comment on the agreement. He said he was keeping his options open as to future posts.

Mr Ness was brought into Hornby in 1982 to rescue a management buyout that had foundered as the company's traditional toys were hit by the arrival of electronic games. In 1986, the company was floated on the stock market.

The payoff for Mr Ness is one of the exceptional items pushing Hornby deeper into the red for the 15 months to March, to a pre-tax loss of £5.1 million. As previously announced, the group made a pre-tax loss of £4.3 million in the 12 months to December 1995, against a profit of £611,000 in 1994.

Since Mr Ness's departure, Hornby has refocused on its core products of model railways and Scalextric cars.

Excluding exceptional items, sales of its traditional products have improved, with operating profit up 52 per cent. to £1.61 million, in the 15-month period.

The total dividend for the period rises 10 per cent. to 5.5p. The shares gained 5½p, to 201p.

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Charity lottery duo join forces

BY JON ASHWORTH

TWO leading scratchcard companies have merged their interests, increasing pressure on Camelot, the National Lottery operator. Scratch & Win, backed by Lord Ashcroft, has joined forces with UK Charity Lotteries (UKCL), promoter of Lukcy Lotteries, to create the UK's largest charity lottery operator.

The enlarged group will have annual sales of about £75 million and about 10 per cent of the instant lottery market, threatening increased competition to Camelot, which has seen sales of Instants fall sharply in recent months. Sales are down to between £16 million and £18 million a week, from a peak of £44 million a week last summer. Camelot had expected a drop in sales, and says that the figures are at the lower end of estimates — about 20 to 25 per cent of overall weekly sales.

Other competitors include Littlewoods, selling through Post Office counters and other retail outlets. Scratch & Win, which ran the successful Poppy Day scratchcard for the Royal British Legion, has handed UKCL the licence to run its instant games, in return for a management fee. UKCL has been given an option to buy Scratch & Win in four years' time, if performance targets are hit. Andrew Slamin, UKCL sales director, said that the combined operation would drive up overall instant sales.

The deal lets Scratch & Win concentrate on plans to introduce Keno in gaming clubs, which would further threaten Camelot. The company predicts that Keno will inject £100 million a year back to charities, legislative hurdles allowing. Bass and First Leisure are among leisure companies to have expressed interest.

UKCL and Scratch & Win will sell through 30,000 retail outlets, and promise even higher returns to selected charities.



Stefan Kay, Inveresk managing director, said the company would continue its recovery if woodpulp prices stabilise

Pulp friction takes toll at Inveresk

BY FRASER NELSON

DRAMATIC fluctuations in woodpulp prices have hit Inveresk, the specialist paper group, which recorded a loss of £2.8 million for the six months to May 30 after a sales slump and reorganisation costs of £1 million. The interim dividend was maintained at 1.93p, despite losses per share of 3.7p (6.3p earnings). Inveresk's shares fell 3p to 119p.

Demand dried up in the new year, as companies used up stock bought in the summer rush to beat the surging woodpulp prices. But as their stocks depleted, trade began moving again in the second quarter. Inveresk has traded profitably since April.

Stefan Kay, managing director, said that the past six months had produced the most difficult trading conditions for a quarter of a century. But he added that the company would continue its recovery if woodpulp prices continued to stabilise.

Six-year high in sight as car sales continue to accelerate

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

SALES of new cars could top two million this year, to reach their highest level for six years, after the third successive monthly increase in registrations suggested that the motor industry is finally breaking out of the doldrums.

Sales in June were 141,266, 4.7 per cent up on the same month last year, according to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Registrations in the first six months were at 1,000,618, 5 per cent better than last year and the best January to June performance since 1990.

The only question now is how much the sales increase is costing carmakers, who have been discounting furiously and spending more than ever on advertising. Sales to company buyers have been buoyant, but private buyers have come into the market only recently, encouraged by discounts and special offers.

Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the SMMT, said: "Clearly, the excellent value of today's new cars, supported by comprehensive marketing programmes from manufacturers, suggests that a market of two million can be achieved this year."

The half-year figures are the best news the motor industry has seen since the boom of the late 1980s, when sales peaked at 2.3 million in 1989.

Among companies to enjoy big increases in sales were BMW, Audi, Daewoo, Fiat, Mercedes-Benz, Peugeot, Toyota and Volkswagen. Ford increased sales by about 1,000 cars, but both Vauxhall and Rover saw sales slip back.

However, there was excellent news for one British carmaker: Rolls-Royce almost doubled its domestic sales in the first six months to 404 cars, with executives more optimistic than for some time.

Britain's top ten best-selling cars so far this year are: Ford Fiesta (72,549), Ford Escort (69,074), Ford Mondeo (52,988), Vauxhall Astra (46,208), Vauxhall Vectra (44,567), Vauxhall Corsa (38,249), Rover 400 (31,009), Peugeot 306 (29,094), Renault Clio (27,031) and Fiat Punto (24,753).

BT and Microsoft in joint venture

BY ERIC REGULY

MICROSOFT, America's leading software company, and BT have announced plans to market jointly a range of computer networking and online services in Britain. The agreement marks the first formal alliance between the two companies and helped to lift BT shares 7½p to 347p.

The products will be aimed at small- and medium-sized businesses and will be used to link personal computers together to form what is known as a local area network. Microsoft will provide software such as Windows 95, Internet Explorer and Office for Windows. BT will provide the network infrastructure.

The products and services will be sold through BT's direct sales force and through about 20 accredited Microsoft dealers. No new investment will be required.

Neil Holloway, a customer services director at Microsoft, said the company has made the small business market a "huge priority". Such companies, he said, tend to rely on outside companies for their information technology needs.

☐ BT is to take part this month in a digital TV trial with the BBC and Pace Micro Technology, the company that makes TV decoders. BT has developed systems that allow customers to gain access to online TV services using their telephones.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Business failures lowest for six years

THE level of business failures fell to a six-year low in the first half of 1996, according to Deloitte & Touche, the accountants. The 128 receivership and administration orders recorded in June compared with 116 in April and 115 in May. But the six-month total of 876 compared with 1,063 in the first half of 1995 and represented only 30 per cent of the level seen when Britain was labouring in recession.

Finance and business services saw 44 per cent fewer appointments. Manufacturing also showed a marked decline. On a regional basis, the largest fall was in the East Midlands, down 49 per cent, followed by the North, down 45 per cent. London and the South East saw a 23 per cent drop. Only Yorkshire and Humberside saw a significant increase, up 23 per cent. Ralph Preece, of Deloitte & Touche, said: "The mid-year indication is definitely positive."

N&P gives payout date

MEMBERS of the National & Provincial Building Society will receive their payments from the £1.35 billion takeover by Abbey National between August 27 and September 2, it was confirmed yesterday. The news followed approval for the takeover from the Building Societies Commission. Eligible savers and borrowers will receive an average of £1,300 in cash or Abbey National shares. N&P will become part of Abbey National on August 5.

BT bid for Optus stake

BRITISH TELECOM has emerged as a surprise bidder for a 25 per cent stake in Optus, Australia's second telephone company, in which Cable and Wireless holds a 24.5 per cent interest. The stake, being sold by Mayne Nickless, the industrial group, is expected to carry a price tag of at least A$1 billion (about £500 million). Optus has a 14 per cent share of the long-distance calls market and last week it expanded into the local calls market. It already has a mobile phone business and a pay-TV operation.

Ennemix surrenders

ENNEMIX, the aggregates company, has agreed to surrender its independence to Lafarge, of France, less than three months after defeating a hostile bid by Redland. Ennemix has accepted Lafarge's 46p-a-share cash offer, which values the business at £8.8 million and is a 31.4 per cent premium on Wednesday's closing price. Redland's final cash bid was 35p. Vaughan McLeod, Ennemix chief executive, has sold his 27.7 per cent stake to Lafarge. Redland holds about 41 per cent of Ennemix.

Gibbon's record £2.4m

GIBBON GROUP, the printing ink manufacturer, achieved record pre-tax profits, up by 17 per cent to £2.4 million, for the year to March 31. Gibbon doubled its share of the UK's liquid ink market in February with the £700,000 acquisition of Tri-Colour Printing. The group's sales rose by 5.6 per cent, to £29 million, and expansion of its South Normanton factory almost doubled group capacity. Earnings per share rose 2.6p, to 15.6p. A 4.5p final dividend makes 7p (6.2p).

Burtonwood 24% ahead

BURTONWOOD BREWERY increased pre-tax full-year profits by 24 per cent to £4.3 million, helped by a £1.1 million profit from the sale of its free-trade business. The company said the sale had helped to focus Burtonwood on its tied estate business. At the year end, the company owned 502 tied pubs and has recently started a managed estate with two Irish themed bars. The final divided was increased to 4.65p (4.5p) payable on August 16. The shares rose 2p to close at 170p.

Clubhaus acquisitions

CLUBHAUS, the golf course operator, announced a £7.42 million placing and open offer and two acquisitions yesterday. Investors are offered two new shares for every five held at 75p each. The company is buying Family Golf, an operator of golf centres, for £1.69 million in cash and shares. It is also acquiring a 50 per cent interest in NGH, a business involved in a golf course development in Hamburg. Clubhaus also proposes a one-for-ten share consolidation.

Jurys Hotel Group enjoys record profit

BUOYANCY in both the corporate and tourist sectors has led to record profits for Jurys Hotel Group, the Irish hotel chain (Eileen McCabe writes). Yesterday the company reported a 58 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£9.51 million for the year to April 30. Turnover was up 19.3 per cent.

Walter Beatty, chairman, said that trading in the first few months of the current year is ahead of last year's levels. The continuing tourism boom and a growing corporate sector should bring additional business.

Earnings rose 18.6 per cent to Ir48.5p a share. A final dividend of Ir4p makes a total of Ir6.3p (Ir5.6p).

KPMG agrees to settle over Medway Ports

KPMG, the accountant, has agreed to pay up to £3 million to 150 former Medway Ports directors and dockers suing it for alleged negligence (Sarah Cunningham writes).

KPMG has not accepted liability, but in an out-of-court settlement has agreed to pay £1.6 million plus interest and costs, worth an estimated £3 million in total. The dockers, who have agreed to drop the case, had been claiming £3 million to £4 million. The case was due in court next Monday.

They alleged that KPMG was negligent in putting a value of £2.50 each on shares they were forced to sell in the spring of 1993.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.09	1.93	Malta	0.604	0.548
Austria Sch	17.70	16.20	Netherlds Gld	2.813	2.583
Belgium Fr	51.81	47.51	New Zealand $	2.43	2.21
Canada $	2.230	2.070	Norway Kr	10.66	9.86
Cyprus CypE	0.763	0.708	Portugal Esc	255.00	236.50
Denmark Kr	9.71	8.91	S Africa Rd	7.35	6.55
Finland Mrk	7.82	7.17	Spain Pta	206.50	193.50
France Fr	8.43	7.78	Sweden Kr	10.99	10.19
Germany Dm	2.53	2.32	Switzerland Fr	2.09	1.97
Greece Dr	388	363	Turkey Lira	130021	122021
Hong Kong $	12.72	11.72	USA $	1.658	1.528
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95			
Israel Shk	5.37	4.72			
Italy Lira	2490	2335			
Japan Yen	186.10	170.10			

Rates for small denomination bank notes from Barclays Bank. Other rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates at close of trade yesterday.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: The Trustees for the Congregation of the Priests of the Assumption

Scheme for the alteration of the objects of the Charity

Reference: AS/253428/38812-1/Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at the offices of Blount Petre Kramer of 29 Weymouth Street, London W1N 4LQ, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Grand Metropolitan Community Services Trust

Scheme to change the name of the charity, alter the trustee provisions and give the trustees a power of amendment.

Reference: CF/26979-CDN(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Bates, Wells & Braithwaite, 61 Charlotte Street, London EC1M 6HA or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Sir James Bird Will Trust

Scheme for The regulation of the Charity

Reference: MF/3066120/15772-CDN(Ldn)

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

LEGAL NOTICES

DCM Services Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street at 10.00am on 24 July 1996 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, at it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-

They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and there has been lodged with as many proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated 2 July 1996

S V Freakley

Joint Administrative Receiver

CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ATLANTIC COMPUTER (FUNDS) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) ("AGF")

The liquidators of Atlantic Computer (Funds) Limited give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company within four months of the notice date.

Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the liquidators Richard Claude Boys-Stones and John Francis Soden of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by Friday 2 August 1996 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.

RC Boys-Stones

Joint Liquidator

Willmot Pertwee Limited
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 28th July 1996, to send to the undersigned Ladislav Hornan of Hacker Young & Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH the liquidator of the company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them by the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.

1st July 1996

Ladislav Hornan

Liquidator

Note

This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be paid in full, but if any person considers that he has a claim against the company, he should send in his claim forthwith.

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Dated the 26th day of June 1996

Signed T V. EDWARDS, (Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicant).

No. 002532 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
In the Matter of
Salford University Business Services Limited
And
In the Matter of
the Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 26th June 1996 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account, amounting to £950,000, of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 1st July 1996

Dated this 5th day of July 1996

Messrs. Pannone & Partners

123 Deansgate

Manchester M3 2BU

Ref: GST/ORG

Solicitors for the above named Company

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
In the matter of
Old Chelsea Distillers Limited
Nature of Business - Bottlers & Distillers
Administration Order Made 20 June 1996
Date 24 June 1996
D NISBET
Administrator

NATURAL SELECTION (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Registered Number: 3165345

Former company name: Shoedrive Limited

Trading name: Natural Selection

Nature of business: wholesalers and retailers

Trade classification 18 and 22

Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 24 June 1996

Name of appointer: Lloyds Bank Plc

Robert William Birchall and Peter Bryan Buckle

Joint Administrative Receivers

(office holder nos 6623 and 8699 of Coopers & Lybrand, Bull Wharf, Redcliff Stret, Bristol BS1 6QR

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PRETTY 300 LIMITED (the "Company")
(Company number 3168371)

Notice is given, in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985, that:-

1. the Company has by special resolution dated 1st July 1996, approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring certain of its own shares by purchase;
2. the amount of permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £444,000;
3. the Directors' statutory declaration and the Auditors' report as required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985, are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 25 Elm Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2AD; and
4. any creditor of the Company may at any time within five weeks immediately following the date of the special resolution for payment out of capital apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985, for an order prohibiting the payment.

☐ Weighing the impact of a utilities tax ☐ Dangers of German building downturn ☐ Tale of two executive pay-offs

Last fat cat, turn the light out

☐ FEW tears are going to be shed if directors of, say, Yorkshire Water or the National Grid suddenly find themselves strapped for cash. But Labour's proposed scattergun approach to a utilities tax, while politically attractive, carries a danger of winging some rather more deserving companies as well.

As with much of new Labour's policies as they affect investors, the plans are long on aspiration and short on detail. The one-off levy on "excess profits" — and what size of profit is not excessive, pray? — is being spent on the laudable aim of getting a quarter of a million under 25-year-olds off the dole.

Let us not ponder too long the paradox that those profits arose from the sacking of a similar number or more of rather older citizens. For the hard-hearted investor, any short-term and knee-jerk weakness in utilities' share prices sparked by other vague Labour policy statements might be regarded as a buying opportunity, the ultimate example of buying on the rumour and selling on the fact.

One assumes companies such as Yorkshire Water, now dithering over handing back £140 million to its shareholders, will not be able to plead poverty because of such one-off dividends or share buy-backs. Instead they would be expected, having depleted their balance sheets ahead of a utilities tax, to tap their shareholders in turn by means of rights issues to pay it. Fair enough: although the clear beneficiaries will be City institutions, taking their fees both from their clients' earlier generosity and subsequent cash-raising.

But what is far from clear to the investor is just what constitutes, in Labour's eyes, a utility deserving such a smash and grab raid. Gordon Brown has indicated in the past that he includes the two coal generators, National Power and PowerGen, which is technically incorrect if ideologically consistent.

But how about poor British Gas, brought to its knees by a stern regulator? TransCo, this column argued just days ago, has a duty to pay cash to shareholders because of its poor prospects. This gloomy future would make any subsequent rights the devil to underwrite. Meanwhile, the trading half of British Gas may be broke already. And how will the tax be assigned among the utilities? If by relative profitability, then expect the performance of many to nose-dive as Labour's first Budget approaches. Management would have a duty to shareholders to reduce profits, while Labour would be promising to penalise success and reward failure.

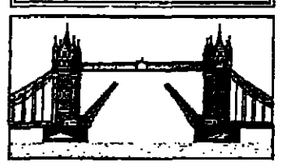
Perhaps it will be done by political patronage, those seen as closest to the stakeholder ideal paying the least — a reward for ideological grovelling. In which case directors of United Utilities, who have boasted of mass sackings and then this week awarded themselves huge salary rises, might as well leave the country.

Guten Morgen, Pet

☐ AN economist once likened German reunification, in reality an uncontested takeover bid by the western half, to the acquisition of 26 Liverpools. In fact the rebuilding of the east proved the power that drove a German economy that was already showing signs of faltering before the Berlin Wall came down.

Analysis published this week by the French broker Paribas, however, suggests the second German economic miracle may have run its course. This has dire implications for all those British building materials firms which saw the rebuilding of eastern Europe as the ideal counter to slowing markets at home.

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In 1995 construction in the former East Germany, population 17 million, accounted for 37 per cent of the east's gross domestic product. Germany as a whole saw 12 per cent of its GDP coming from the building industry. As a result, six years after reunification Germany in total accounted for a staggering 32 per cent of all construction spending in Europe.

The west was coping with huge immigration from the east, and the new workers needed homes. The east was a Third World nation, a Keynesian economist's dream — an entire country to be rebuilt for the benefit of both economies.

Paribas suggests that the rebuilding may now be as complete as it will ever be. The early indications from housebuilding, building permits and mortgage lending, all suggest that unified Germany, which built more than 600,000 new homes last year, will in future get by on a maximum of 450,000. Also, the rises in wage levels in the former east to western levels has lessened the incentive for the west to relocate their industry there.

Much of British industry is anxiously awaiting some bounce in the German economy. If the Paribas view is correct, and the broker is looking for falls in German construction output through to 1999, then it is not going to come from building. All this, after recent events at Wembley, might merely be the occasion for a little *schadenfreude* — except that of the European building materials firms Paribas has on the sell list, more than half are British. And two of them, Redland and RMC, derive almost half this year's forecast profit for Germany.

Hornby's model gravy train

☐ HERE is a tale of two companies, and two departed chief executives. Mike Hoffman was one of the water industry's most respected figures until Thames Water sprang a leak. The company wrote off £95 million, and he received £384,000, slightly more than a year's pay.

At the other end of the track is Hornby, maker of trains and racing cars that still turn grown men misty-eyed. Hornby wrote off £4 million; its chief executive, Keith Ness, receives £720,000, or not far short of 29 months' salary. To put the two even more into perspective, Thames has a market worth of £2.4 billion, of which the write-off represented about 4 per cent. Hornby has a market value of £16 million, of which its own unwise purchase cost it about a quarter. If both men went because of those write-offs, who did their respective company the most damage, relatively speaking?

The negotiation after such departures has created a fair body of case law. The recipient can generally expect to receive about half his or her total entitlement. This takes into account the requirement to mitigate the damage done by that departure by finding a new job as soon as possible.

Mr Ness, was earning £150,000 a year and then the same again in guaranteed bonuses — and what on earth is the point of guaranteeing bonuses, rather than requiring them to be earned? Hornby's generosity is inexplicable, a view shared by at least one City lawyer last night. Shareholders must question it at the forthcoming annual meeting.

Radiation sickness

☐ THE CYNICISM that has infected the British Energy float would appear to have reached the Government's own advisers. One, Dewe Rogerson, has sent out an invitation to a first-day dealings party. It features a cartoon of a nuclear power station dwarfed by a vast cheque. The caption reads: "Oh My God! It's a huge mutant dividend cheque!" One hopes taxpayers whose assets have been sold off so cheaply will see the joke.

Eurotherm shares hit by chief's resignation

BY FRASER NELSON

EUROTHERM saw £66 million wiped off its market value in just 45 minutes yesterday after Claes Hultman, the chief executive and deputy chairman, revealed that he is to leave the company.

The shares plunged 73p to en at 518p by the close of trading. Mr Hultman, who is widely credited with transforming the performance of the industrial temperature gauge company, is leaving "to pursue other business opportunities" only two weeks after the group announced its half-year figures.

In a statement released yesterday, Mr Hultman said that he regarded his job as chief executive as complete. Dr Jack Leonard, founder and executive chairman of Eurotherm, said that Mr Hultman had grown restless, despite having taken on the additional role of deputy chairman in May.

He said: "Claes was brought in to tighten our performance. We are now at the stage where we are trying to accelerate growth. Claes has no interest in expanding growth. His interests are in accounting and tightening loose balance sheets — his strength is in cleaning up situations that have got messy."

"When you hire someone like Claes, you know it will only be a matter of time before he will want to move on," he continued. "The job he came to do is over, and he's capable of much greater things."

When Mr Hultman joined Eurotherm in 1991, the company was producing pre-tax profits of £17 million and it was valued at £120 million. After reducing the staff by a third and launching an offensive against overheads, the company grew steadily to £588 million, the level at which it was valued before Mr Hultman's resignation was announced. The value now stands at £515 million.

Mr Hultman, 49, is also chairman of Wembley, the leisure company, where he played a key role in last year's £130 million refinancing.

Dr Leonard said that the company now needed a "different sort of person" to be chief executive. Peter Wade, who became Eurotherm's chief operating officer on May 1, is understood to be a candidate. The future of the role of deputy chairman is unclear.

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Thirst for success: Stuart Ross, left, managing director, and David Morrison, finance director, prepare to toast Belhaven's forthcoming flotation

Belhaven float to raise £25m

BELHAVEN BREWERY, the oldest independent brewing company in Scotland, is looking to raise £25 million in a flotation which will value the company at £36 million (Alasdair Murray writes).

The company is placing 14 million shares, equivalent to 70 per cent of Belhaven's total share capital, at 180p a share. About £11 million of the money raised by the flotation will be used to reduce indebtedness, while a further £10 million will be used to redeem existing preference shares.

Existing shareholders, which include the directors and CVC, the venture captial group, are raising £3 million by selling about 1.7 million shares. After the flotation, the directors will own 3.2 per cent of the company, while CVC, which backed a £25 million management buyout, will hold 16 per cent of the capital.

Last year the company made a profit of £4.2 million on turnover of £29.6 million. The brewing division increased profits by nearly 40 per cent last year to £1.8 million. However, profits in the estate fell slightly to £2.4 million.

Belhaven, which has the capacity to produce 100,000 barrels of beer a year, said it aimed to add about five managed houses a year to its portfolio through acquisitions and conversion.

The company's estate consists of 57 tenanted houses and eight managed houses, including the St Andrews Scottish themed bars and Belhaven Inns community houses. Dealings on the stock market are expected to commence on July 12.

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Energy set for £1.4bn

BRITISH ENERGY is likely to get a price tag of between £1.4 billion and £1.6 billion, according to early indications, within the middle of the wide range of £1.26 billion to £1.96 billion set by the Government.

After yesterday's first day of book building, institutions are bidding for the shares in a range of 200p to 230p and the book is already covered.

Investors will refine bidding figures between now and next Friday, when the institutional offer closes. The public offer closes next Wednesday. The final price will be determined on Sunday July 14 and dealing will start on the following Monday.

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AFA floats

AFA Systems, a nine-month-old software company, raised £2.5 million when it floated on the Alternative Investment Market yesterday, with a market capitalisation of £12 million.

The company's sole product is a £500,000 computer program called Musketeer, designed to help financial institutions in risk management.

AFA will use the money raised to repay debts of £600,000 and open offices in Miami and Singapore. Its shares, placed at 120p at the advice of Credit Lyonnais Laing, closed at 135p.

BATM to join

BATM Advanced Communications will become the largest Israeli company to join the Stock Exchange next Friday when it floats on the Alternative Investment Market for £38.8 million. The placing will raise £8 million of new equity.

Executive leaves Lloyds TSB

LLOYDS TSB Group yesterday confirmed that John Elbourne, former deputy chief executive of TSB and head of its unit trust arm, has left the banking group (Robert Miller writes).

Since the two high street clearers merged in late December Mr Elbourne, 51, has been one of five directors responsible for retail financial services.

Mr Elbourne, who joined TSB in 1991, was said to be "very disenchanted" with the rigid structure within Lloyds Bank. Archie Kane, 44, is to assume many of his duties.

Cash call as profits rise at Reg Vardy

BY CLARE STEWART

REG VARDY, the upmarket car dealer, is to raise £27.3 million to fund expansion and a move into the car hire and leasing business. Details of the rights issue came as the Sunderland group unveiled better than expected results for the year to April.

Pre-tax profits rose by 29 per cent to £14.2 million on turnover ahead by 53 per cent to £575 million. Earnings rose 30 per cent to 21.3p. A final dividend of 4.25p takes the total to 6.5p.

Investors are offered one new share for every five held at 300p each. Existing shares fell 4p to 332p yesterday. Peter Vardy, chairman, who at present holds a 40 per cent stake in the company, will not take up his entitlement. His total holding will fall to 33 per cent.

Expansion plans include extending the present network of 41 dealerships to 60 through acquisition. There are also plans to offer car hire and leasing options locally through dealerships to both the private motorist and the corporate market.

Reg Vardy is to dispose of two BMW dealerships bought as part of an acquisition last year. The sale to Henlys Group will raise £8 million.

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Warning hits OGC shares

SHARES in OGC, supplier of construction services to the oil and gas industry, plunged yesterday after a warning that current-year profits will be substantially lower (Clare Stewart writes). The shares fell from 222p to 130p, the level at which OGC was floated three years ago. They recovered slightly slightly to close at 135p.

OGC says that a number of big contracts that it expected to sign this year have been delayed, and may not affect it until 1997.

Margins are currently less than expected. An unchanged 1996 dividend is forecast, but OGC's brokers have halved current-year profit forecasts to £7 million.

CRH pays Ir£75m for US distributor

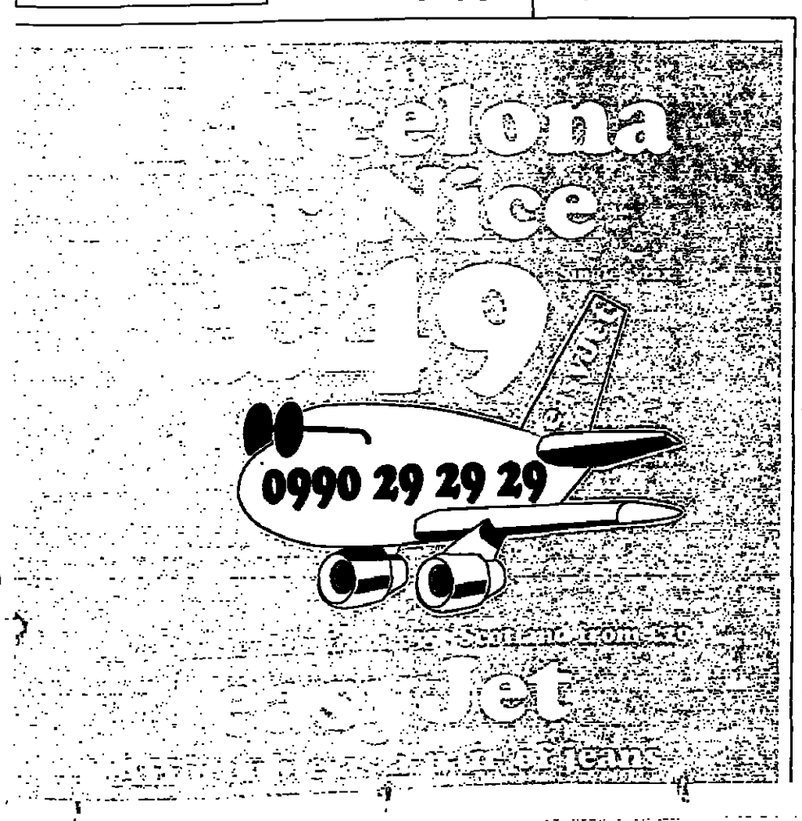
FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

CRH, the international building materials group, has returned to the acquisition trail in the US with the purchase of a major distribution company for Ir£75.6 million. The acquisition, Allied Building Corporation, is America's third-largest distributor of roofing, siding and insulation products, with 69 branches nationwide.

CRH said that the cash consideration reflects the impact of high seasonal working capital on debt. Goodwill arising on the acquisition is expected to be Ir£18.8 million.

Liam O'Mahoney, chief executive of Oldcastle, the holding company of CRH's North American operations, said that it had been on the lookout for opportunities in the construction materials distribution industry for some time.

Allied reported adjusted pre-tax profits for 1995 of Ir£5.9 million, on sales of Ir£268.1 million.



Glaxo offers new pension scheme

BY ERIC REGULY

GLAXO WELLCOME has unveiled a new pension plan that will try to wean about 13,500 employees off the traditional "final-salary" scheme. The company will offer a money-purchase scheme, in which payouts are based not on final salaries but the fund's investment performance.

The new plan, to come into effect in November, will replace schemes that had been in place for decades at Glaxo and Wellcome, which merged early last year to form the world's largest pharmaceuticals group. The executives who drafted it claim that it was not designed to save the group money. Geoffrey Levy, head of the pensions department, estimates the cost to the company at £49 million a year — about £1 million more than the previous plans.

The replacement plan offers a money-purchase option alongside the final-salary scheme. Employees can choose between four funds, including a cash fund, a bond fund and an equity fund, which vary in risk. The company matches employees' contributions up to a certain limit and says that, in the long term, the money-purchase scheme may give a higher pension than the final-salary scheme.

Mr Levy said: "The money-purchase plan transfers volatility risk to employees, but it may also leave them with better returns."

New employees aged under 40 will be offered only the money-purchase scheme. After 40, they can switch to the final salary plan, which gives them 1/80th of their final salary for each year of service. Contributions are indexed for inflation at up to 10 per cent per year and employees can retire with up to two-thirds of final salary.

MORTGAGES
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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Mystery seller dumps 7.7m shares in Liberty

LIBERTY International, the South African controlled financial services group which used to trade under the name of TransAtlantic Holdings, fell sharply after a major shareholder disposed of part of its holding at a hefty discount to the ruling market price.

Liberty shares had tumbled 20p to 360p after a line of 7.7 million shares, worth £27.3 million, was sold at 355p. SBC Warburg is believed to have bought the shares at 355p before attempting to sell them on in the marketplace.

The identity of the seller was unclear last night, although whispers around the Square Mile suggested it was none other than Minorco, the South African mining group. At the last count Minorco jointly owned a stake of 13 million shares under the name of Taurus Investments. By the close a total of 7.89 million shares had changed hands, an unusually large amount in a thin market where traders will normally only make a price in 5,000 at a time.

The rest of the equity market shrugged off its recent lethargy to close near its best of the day, with the FT-SE 100 index ending 46.5 points up at 3,760.6. Most of the improvement came after lunch despite the fact that Wall Street was closed for Independence Day celebrations. Brokers attributed the rise to several technical factors, including short covering of positions and whispers suggesting the market was about to be hit by a large programme trade weighted on the buy tack.

With turnover of only 626 million shares, however, few traders were getting carried away.

There was heavy turnover in **Granada** as the price slipped 2p to 836p. By the close almost 11 million shares had changed hands. Earlier this week Granada was being tipped to splash out £700 million-plus on **Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television**, unchanged at £12.35.

Glaxo Wellcome rose 22½p to 889½p ahead of a major Aids conference this weekend. **United News & Media**, publisher of the *Daily Express*, slipped 10p to 670p as NatWest Securities, the broker, turned cautious of the stock. On the other hand, **United Biscuits** is said to have been talking to brokers and its shares, a dull market of late, finished 6p better at 222p. The group is still seen as a potential takeover target. **Reckitt & Colman** was also driven 10p higher at 698p on talk of a bid. Its name is being linked with Merck, the US group.

Pilkington responded to a visit by brokers with a rise of 5p to 188p. Merrill Lynch is said to be pushing the shares. But a savage profits downgrading by Kleinwort Benson, the broker, left **RTZ** 15p down at 945p. Kleinwort has cut its profit forecast for the current year from £938 million to £860 million and for 1997 from £1.01 billion to £940 million.

The resignation of Claes Hultman as **Eurotherm's** chief executive clearly came as a bolt out of the blue in the City and left the shares nursing a fall of 73p at 515p. Last month the group unveiled an 18½ per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £18.7 million. Mr Hultman warned that prospects were far from bright, with the economic environment, especially in Germany, less buoyant.

Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, has taken a shine to **Cadbury Schweppes**, 3p dearer at 512p. It rates the shares a "buy" and tells clients not to rule out the possibility of a share buy-back.

Vickers slipped into top gear with a rise of 4p to 264p after it announced that worldwide sales of its Rolls-Royce luxury motor cars had soared 26 per cent to 912 vehicles during the first six months of the year.

Sport featured strongly in the market-place yesterday, with events ranging from soccer to golf. **Chelsea Village**, which owns the Premiership football side, saw its shares touch 100p before ending 23p higher at 91p after Matthew Harding, the millionaire businessman and Chelsea deputy chairman, splashed out a further £10 million to top up his holding in the company. He has picked up an extra 19 million shares, taking his total holding to almost 28 per cent.

Almost half the shares were bought from Rysaffe, a privately owned company based in Guernsey and Chelsea's biggest shareholder. The rest were made up of new shares issued by the company at 52p.

Over on the USM, shares of **Caspian** remained suspended at 18½p as it unveiled details of its proposed purchase of Leeds United for £16.5 million after topping a rival offer from Conrad Group. Caspian will subscribe for a further 25.2 million shares in the Yorkshire club, raising £12 million. Later there will be an a placing and open offer raising a further £28 million.

Manchester United, another Premiership side, jumped 24p to 462p as if relishing the prospect of further competition from Newcastle United, its big rival, which is planning to change its venue and apply for a stock market float.

From the goalmouth to the fairway, with shares of **Clubhaus**, the German golf course operator, firming 1¾p to 7½p after announcing details of two acquisitons, a share placing and share consolidation. The placing will raise £7.42 million to finance further acquisitions which the company says will not be available in 18 months time.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: With the Americans celebrating Independence day, the London market took its lead from firmer German bunds. Despite the mark-up, trading in London remained a low key affair. This was best illustrated in the futures pit, where the number of contracts completed slumped to 11,500 as the September series of the long gilt future climbed £7/16 to £106 25/32.

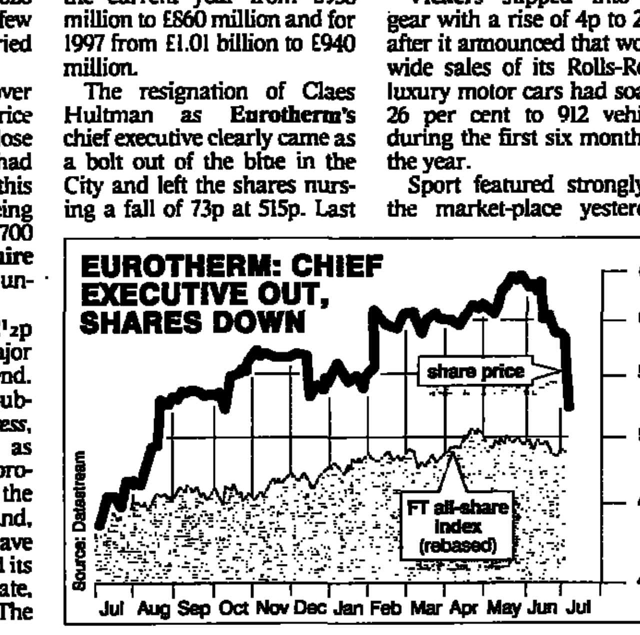
In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £9/32 to £98 1/16, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £3/16 better at £103 3/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street was closed because of Independence Day.



Vickers rose 4p as Rolls-Royce sales jumped 26 per cent

Keep an eye on De La Rue, up 18p at 608p on turnover of 1.86 million shares. It is due to give a series of presentations on its systems division to brokers next week. They will be expecting some positive news for a change. De La Rue has seen its price plunge from 900p-plus last August, following a profits warning.



MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... Closed
S&P Composite .... —

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 22292.91 (-86.11)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11191.82 (+118.54)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 562.96 (+2.65)

Sydney:
AO .... 2225.70 (-10.10)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2577.39 (+8.44)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2268.31 (-3.25)

Brussels:
General .... 9628.96 (+45.50)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2126.81 (+12.83)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 805.80 (+2.60)

London:

FT 30	2761.4 (+32.8)
FT 100	3760.6 (+46.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	4371.1 (+4.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1892.0 (+18.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1709.78 (+6.55)
FT A All-Share	1875.47 (+17.09)
FT Non Financials	1995.20 (+16.68)
FT Fixed Interest	112.52 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	93.02 (+0.22)
Bargains	281.82
SEAQ Volume	626.6m
USM (Datastrm)	218.56 (+0.34)
US$	1.5604 (+0.0014)
German Mark	2.3771 (-0.0005)
Exchange Index	86.8 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2386
£:SDR	1.0808
RPI	152.9 May (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.5 May (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AFA Systems	136	...
Carlisle Wts	8	- ¼
Circle Comms	183	- 2
City Technology	216	...
Concurrent Techn	17	...
Fibernet Group (100)	123	...
Fieldens (60)	61	...
Gold Mines Sardinia	20	- 1
Gold Mns Sard Wr	12	...
IES (285)	265xd	...
IES Warrants	250	...
Independent Brit Hl	73xd	...
Intelligent Envs (94)	83	...
Jarvis Hotels (175)	174	- 1½
Lands Improvement	122	+ 1
Matrix Healthcare	110	...
NECA	18	...
Pace Micro Tech	190	...
SEA Multimedia (70)	73	...
Sinclair Montrose	167	...
Solid State Supplies	91	+ 1
Staffware (225)	287	...
Sun Life & Provincia	222	...
Theo Fennell (118)	111	- 5
Treats Group (174)	161	...
Vocalis Group (95)	113	- 2
Whittard of Chelsea	150	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allen n/p (250)	10	- 1
Dixon Motors n/p	43	...
Doeflex n/p (230)	44	...
Indepndnt Nws n/p	15	...
Johnstn Press n/p	10	- 3
Mackie Intl n/p (275)	13	- 4
Orbis n/p (40)	5	...
Partco n/p (245)	44	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Man United	462p (+24p)
Psion	448p (+23p)
De La Rue	612p (+18p)
Nat West	634p (+17p)
Barclays	793p (+17p)
Smithkline	720p (+13p)

FALLS:

Celltech	588p (-30p)
Peptide Thera	215p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	433p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

East of Newbury

COSTAIN shareholders will have to wait until July 31 before dealings restart in the building contractor recently awarded the Newbury by-pass contract. Shareholders may be forgiven for not recognising the company they once invested in. Assuming minimal take-up of the offer, Costain will be 40 per cent owned by Intria, the Malaysian contractor that runs the Penang bridge, and 35 per cent by its banks.

Intria will underwrite £41 million of a £74 million 3-for-1 open offer at 50p a share, against the suspension price of 39p on June 26 and 70p the day before that. Costain's banks are rewarded for their patience with a 35 per cent holding that will arise from a debt-for-equity swap to underwrite the offer.

The manoeuvre leaves the new-look Costain with estimated net debts of £40 million on shareholders' funds of £42.8 million. Counting in writedowns on property, Costain suffered a loss before interest and tax of £131 million in 1995.

But Costain, at least, believes things can improve. It is hoped Intria will open doors in South-East Asia, where Costain generates around 15 per cent of sales. Costain expects to announce a number of big Malaysian contracts. Costain Middle East and Costain Southern Africa will continue to operate but prospects in Britain are tight. Kharafi, the Kuwait construction group, holds 19 per cent of the existing company and Raymond International, the Saudi group, has 19.2 per cent of the present Costain, leaving very little stock on the open market once the open offer takes place. Having stayed the course so far, *shareholders might just as well hang on in.*

Vardy

NEW car sales figures yesterday showed a 4.7 per cent rise, the third successive decent monthly rise the industry has now seen after a prolonged bleak spell in which only heavy inducements and deep discounts kept the industry going.

Among the quoted car dealers Reg Vardy yesterday helped the mood of optimism by revealing better-than-expected profits — up 29 per cent to £14.2 million.

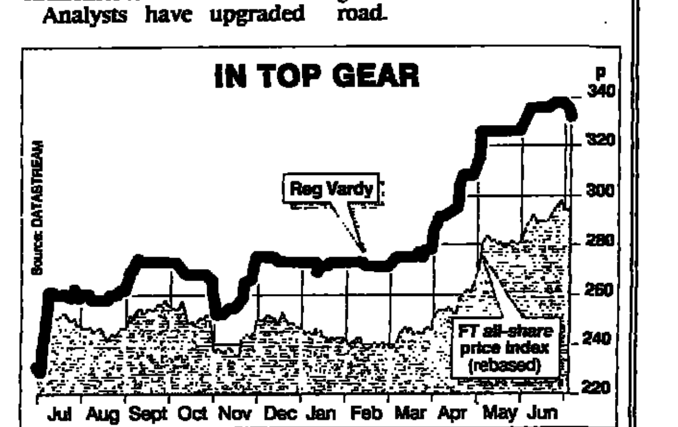
However, used cars make up a larger proportion of the Sunderland-based dealer's sales — 52 per used to 41 per cent new. Used cars offer more attractive margins and used cars offer dealerships a greater control over prices.

Since last tapping shareholders for cash in 1991, when it raised £13 million, Vardy has seen its dealership network expand from 19 to 41 and delivered compound profits growth of 36 per cent.

Since flotation in 1989, the shares have more than tripled in value. The £27.3 million rights issue will slightly increase liquidity of the shares as the Vardy family will not be taking up entitlements.

Analysts have upgraded forecasts for 1996, looking for pre-tax profits of around £17 million.

On a price earnings multiple of around 15, Vardy is at a slight premium to its sector, so the shares are not for bargain hunters. Shareholder should take up their rights, and sit tight for more growth further down the road.



Belhaven

BELHAVEN, the brewery that is joining the stock market next week, has just about got its timing right. The industry, while not exactly dazzling, is showing some signs of revival as consumer spending begins to pick up and consolidation allows margins to slowly recover.

Belhaven has a proud history and claims to be the oldest independent brewery remaining in Scotland. But tradition is unlikely to be enough to guarantee success in today's difficult markets. The company has increased its beer sales to the on-market trade by an impressive 36 per cent in the past year, but it is heavily reliant on the its main Belhaven Best brand which accounts for more than 50 per cent of its sales. The performance of its small estate, meanwhile, has been less than startling with the divison showing little improvement over the past four years. The company rightly points out that this period had been difficult for the trade but other small retail pub companies have achieved spectacular growth.

The company says it wants to expand its managed house sector, but five new developments a year may not be sufficient to ensure the kind of growth that the City desires. Belhaven is joining at a historical price earnings of around 13 times earnings. This is not too demanding, but then the company does not look like it will be leading a shareholders knees-up in the near future.

Eurotherm

INVESTORS have a right to feel angry about Eurotherm. Claes Hultman's decision to quit as chief executive, coming just two months after he was offered the dual role of deputy chairman, was an unpleasant surprise.

Just two weeks ago Mr Hultman was presenting interim results and outlining the company's plans for the future, with no indication that he was about to head for the exit to "pursue other business opportunities," as it was quaintly put yesterday.

The City reaction was swift. In just 45 minutes before the close of trading about £66 million was wiped from the company's stock market value, with the shares tumbling 73p to 515p. At the end of May the shares were worth 644p, before a cautious statement on current trading to accompany the interim figures clipped them back.

The loss of a chief executive is always a problem, but in the case of Eurotherm Mr Hultman is so closely associated with the company's restructuring and strong recovery from a difficult spell in the early 1990s. His appointment as deputy chairman reflected a high regard for his ability. Conversely, a question mark now hangs over the capability of the existing senior management to keep the ball rolling.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	1041-1039	Sep	1079-1078
Sep	1064-1063	Dec	1088-1082
Dec	1049-1047	Mar	1093-1087
Mar	1050-1049	May	1103-1085
May	1059-1058		
Jul	1070-1069		Volume: 1172

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1680-1674	Mar	1555-1548
Sep	1665-1663	May	1540-1530
Nov	1626-1625	Jul	1538-1518
Jan	1596-1595		Volume: 4115

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	335.4-35.0
Spot: 392.5		May	333.4-32.0
Aug	383.0-82.3	Aug	331.5-29.0
Oct	353.0-52.5	Oct	316.2-13.0
Dec	340.5-40.1		Volume: 670

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	125.66	78.84	100.99
(+/-)	+6.48	-6.42	-0.03
Eng/Wales:	125.66	111.48	100.25
(+/-)	+6.48	-2.22	+0.03
(%)	-10.0	+15.0	+23.0
Scotland:	unq	109.30	105.26
(+/-)	...	-2.55	+0.64
(%)	...	+35.0	-5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.85	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.60	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.00	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	n/a	—
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	—	—

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	205 (-1)	206 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	181 (+4)	185 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	86 (n/c)	88 (+1)
Naphtha	181 (+1)	183 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	177.25-77.50	Oct	169.00-69.50
Aug	172.25-72.50	Nov	168.75-69.00
Sep	170.25-70.75		Vol: 13339

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	19.52-19.53	Nov	18.10 SLR
Sep	18.92 BID	Dec	17.75-17.78
Oct	18.45-18.46		Vol: 19877

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	109.80	Sep	103.65
Sep	110.50	Nov	105.65
Nov	112.50	Jan	107.70
Jan	114.45	Mar	109.40
Mar	116.50	May	111.65
Volume: 322		Volume: 84	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar	...	110.0
Apr	120.6	121.2
		Volume: 79

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Aug 93.75-94.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 96	1137	1120	1128
Aug 96	1130	1115	1123
Sep 96	1180	1165	1171
Oct 96	1235	1225	1225
Vol. 112 lots		Open Interest: 4286	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1926.0-1927.0	1878.0-1880.0	1149025
Lead ($/tonne)	786.00-787.00	795.00-795.50	111173
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1005.5-1006.0	1032.0-1032.5	164125
Tin ($/tonne)	6395.0-6400.0	6425.0-6426.0	24335
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1476.0-1477.0	1512.5-1513.0	961975
Nickel ($/tonne)	7550.0-7551.0	7655.0-7657.0	24822

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	32½	44	49½	0	4	12
(*451½)	460	3½	19	25½	11½	18½	30
ASDA	120	2½	6½	9	2½	7	9
(*120)	130	0	3	5½	10	13½	15
Boots	550	37½	51	57½	0½	6	12½
(*586)	600	3	20½	28½	16	26	33½
Br Airways	500	37½	50½	58½	0	6	11½
(*536)	550	4	20½	30	16	26	32½
BP	550	44	52½	60	0	6	11½
(*592½)	600	6	20½	30	10½	24½	31½
Br Steel	160	12	16½	20	0	3½	6
(*171½)	180	0½	5½	9½	9	12½	16½
C & W	390	29	41	49	0½	6	12½
(*417½)	420	7	23	32½	8	17	24½
CU	550	30	40	50½	1	13	19½
(*578½)	600	2	14½	28½	23½	41	46½
ICI	750	41	54½	69½	1	15	22
(*789)	800	6½	26	42½	16	38	45½
Land Sec	600	26½	41	49½	1	6½	12½
(*625)	650	1	13½	22½	25½	29	37
M & S	460	21½	34	41	1	8	12½
(*480)	500	1	12½	19½	20½	27	31½
Nat West	600	35½	46½	61	1	15	22
(*633½)	650	5	20½	35½	20	40	47
Safeway	330	12	23½	31	2½	10	16
(*339)	360	1	9½	16½	21½	26½	32
Sainsbury	360	11	22	28½	2	9	14½
(*368)	390	0½	8½	14½	22	26	31
Shell	900	46½	62	70½	0½	11½	17
(*944½)	950	8½	28	40	13	32	38
Smkl Bch	687	34	54	—	1	15½	—
(*719)	736	3	27½	—	20½	39	—
Storehse	300	18	27	—	1	5½	—
(*317)	330	1½	10½	—	14	19½	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1	—	0½	0½	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	10	10	—
Zeneca	1400	51	96	126	8	42½	60
(*1439)	1450	21½	69½	99½	29	66	83½
Series		Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	460	43	50	57½	5	11½	15
(*499½)	500	14½	26½	35	20½	28½	32½
Vodafone	240	12	20	22½	8½	13½	16
(*242½)	260	4	11	14	20½	25	27
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	12	22½	29	14	19½	28
(*421)	460	1½	9	13½	45½	47½	54
Ladbroke	180	12	17½	22½	5	9½	13½
(*185½)	200	3½	9	14	17½	21	24½
Utd Bisc	220	10	16	19½	7½	12½	15
(*221)	240	3	8	11½	20½	25	27½

		Calls			Puts		
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	12	28½	36½	6	14	18
(*466)	500	1	10½	18½	34½	38	40½
Thames W.	550	23½	41	49	2	11	20½
(*570½)	600	1	17	25	30	36½	47
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	240	15	19	23½	2	7½	9½
(*250½)	260	4½	8½	14	11½	18½	20
Br Aero	950	54	75½	96½	12	27½	36
(*986½)	1000	25	47½	69½	32½	50½	59
Br Telecm	330	21	24½	28½	7	12	18½
(*347)	360	4½	10	14½	26½	30	36
Cadbury	500	24½	35	47	9½	18½	23½
(*512)	550	4½	13½	24	40	47½	51½
Guinness	460	21	29½	38	7	15½	19
(*470)	500	3½	11	19	31½	37½	40
GEC	360	13½	20½	26½	10	14½	18
(*370½)	390	2½	8½	13½	31½	34	36
Hanson	160	16½	19	20½	0½	3	6
(*175)	180	3½	7½	10	7½	12½	16
LASMO	160	18	22	25½	1	4	4½
(*175½)	180	5½	10	14	8½	11½	12½
Lucas	220	12	18½	23½	7½	13	14½
(*229)	240	3½	10	14½	20	24	25½
Pilkingtn	172	18½	—	—	1	—	—
(*188)	191	6½	—	—	7½	—	—
Prudential	390	26	33	41½	4	11	16
(*409)	420	9½	17	26	17	26	30½
Redland	390	21	30	37	7	15½	30½
(*401)	420	7	16	23	23	32½	36½
R-Royce	220	15	21½	26	4	9½	12½
(*229)	240	5½	12	16½	14	20	22½
Tesco	300	12	19½	26	7½	15	17½
(*302½)	330	2	8	13½	28	33½	35½
Williams	330	14½	20½	—	5	12½	—
(*337)	360	2½	7½	—	23½	31	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3756½)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Jul	129	84	45½	18½	5	1
Aug	138½	100½	68	41½	22	11
Sep	159½	123½	92	66	43½	27½
Oct	176	143	111½	85½	62	45
Dec	—	182	—	126½	—	81½
Puts						
Jul	4½	10	21	47½	93½	143½
Aug	18½	30½	48	72½	105	145½
Sep	37	51	69	93	121½	156
Oct	49½	66½	84	108½	135½	169
Dec	—	93½	—	138	—	194½

		Calls			Puts		
Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	550	38½	53	64	11	18½	31½
(*579½)	600	12½	27½	38½	37	44	57
Amstrad	200	14½	21	—	10	13	—
(*202½)	220	6	12½	—	22	24½	—
Barclays	750	51	65	80½	12	20½	34½
(*791)	800	20½	37½	53	36	43½	59
Blue Circ	360	22	30	34½	10½	15	17
(*370½)	390	8	16½	20½	27	31½	33
Br Gas	180	10½	15	17½	6½	11	13½
(*182½)	200	3½	7	10	19	24½	27
Dixons	500	33½	47	56	12	19	25
(*523½)	550	10	23	32	39½	46	51
Forte	343	36½	—	—	0	—	—
(*378)	373	11½	—	—	4½	—	—
Tarmac	110	12	15	17	3½	6½	7½
(*118)	120	6	9½	12	7½	11½	12½
Hillsdwn	160	18½	21½	23½	1½	4	5
(*175½)	180	5½	9½	12	9	12½	14
Lonrho	180	9½	15	17½	6	8	10½
(*184½)	200	2½	6	8½	18½	20	22
Sears	90	10½	12½	—	0½	2	—
(*99)	100	4	6	—	4	6	—
Thorn	1700	119½	147	—	28	48	—
(*1791)	1800	58	92	—	73½	93	—
Tomkins	240	14½	18	21½	8½	11	13½
(*248½)	260	5	9½	12	21	23	25
Lloyds TSB	330	13½	22½	29	14	19	27
(*330½)	360	3½	11	16	35½	39½	46
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	850	39½	56½	77½	2	24	35
(*887)	900	9½	31½	51½	20	47½	60
HSBC	1000	51½	78	101	2½	26½	38½
(*1047½)	1050	16½	49	74½	18	48½	61½
Reuter	750	32½	57½	73½	4	23½	33
(*776)	800	6	31½	48½	28½	49½	56
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	390	14	25	35½	3½	15	22
(*400)	420	1½	13½	22	20½	31½	38½
Series		Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Kingfishr	600	36½	52½	69	1	12½	21½
(*634½)	650	4	23½	41	19	34½	44
Series		Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Unilever	1250	19	51	61½	7½	23	34
(*1260)	1300	1½	25½	36½	40½	50	60
Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	500	35½	35½	36	22½	30½	34½
(*534½)	550	4½	11	18½	62	65	68
Scot Pwr	300	15½	20	25	17½	22	27½
(*302)	330	4½	10½	14½	—	42½	47

July 4, 1996 Tot: 36004 Call: 14434 Put: 21570 FT-SE Call: 4046 Put: 13271
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3713.0	3780.0	3707.0	3775.0	14851
Previous open interest: 59600	Dec 96	3748.0	3748.0	3748.0	3794.0	15
FT-SE 250	Sep 96				4365.0	0
Previous open interest: 3740	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.26	94.30	94.26	94.28	13799
Previous open interest: 372447	Dec 96	94.11	94.17	94.11	94.15	18290
	Mar 97	93.82	93.85	93.80	93.84	4604
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	98.82	98.82	98.80	98.81	2170
	Mar 97	98.51	98.51	98.51	98.51	15
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.54	96.56	96.54	96.56	13243
Previous open interest: 978781	Dec 96	96.33	96.35	96.33	96.34	15006
Long Gilt	Sep 96	106-17	106-26	106-15	106-25	11600
Previous open interest: 122892	Dec 96				105-29	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	118.93	118.95	118.88	118.95	1451
	Dec 96	117.88	117.90	117.84	117.93	285
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 96	95.68	95.75	95.62	95.69	48411
Previous open interest: 205219	Dec 96	94.75	94.79	94.75	94.78	500
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.59	95.59	95.57	95.58	530
Previous open interest: 22245	Dec 96	95.43	95.43	95.42	95.43	162
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	97.40	97.41	97.35	97.38	4208
Previous open interest: 65409	Dec 96	97.18	97.22	97.15	97.20	1731
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 96	117.50	117.60	117.35	117.54	21562
Previous open interest: 61345	Dec 96				116.82	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 7 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞
Interbank:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞
Overnight: open 5¾, close 6½.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5⅝	5⅝	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	5.37	n/a	5.47	5.65	5.94
Building Society CDs:	5½-5⅝	5½-5⅝	5½-5⅝	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-4⅞	5½-5¼	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5-4
Deutschemark:	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	4-3¾	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2¼-2⅛	2⅝-2½	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	3-2
Yen:	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.50-381.80 Close: $380.90-381.30 High: $381.60-382.10 Low: $380.30-380.70 AM: $380.90 PM: $381.00
Krugerrand: $380.00-382.00 (£243.00-245.00)
Platinum: $249.15 (£249.45) Silver: $5.09 (£3.255) Palladium: $132.50 (£84.95)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6620-2.6677	2.6656-2.6677	¼-⅛pr	2-1½pr
Brussels	48.830-48.945	48.907-48.945	13-8pr	33-26pr
Copenhagen	9.1420-9.1615	9.1543-9.1615	1½-1¼pr	4½-3½pr
Dublin	0.9733-0.9764	0.9745-0.9755	6-3pr	13-9pr
Frankfurt	2.3730-2.3780	2.3760-2.3780	¼-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Lisbon	243.71-244.44	244.04-244.31	¼-¼ds	¼-1ds
Madrid	199.54-199.99	199.85-199.99	24-34ds	74-91ds
Milan	2381.0-2387.4	2383.9-2387.4	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1202-2.1251	2.1202-2.1219	0.23-0.14pr	0.40-0.29pr
New York	1.5599-1.5620	1.5599-1.5606	0.045-0.025pr	0.067-0.037pr
Oslo	10.116-10.141	10.132-10.141	¼-½pr	¼-½pr
Paris	8.0170-8.0390	8.0338-8.0390	1½-1¼pr	3½-3¼pr
Stockholm	10.339-10.386	10.365-10.385	¼-¼ds	¼-¼ds
Tokyo	172.10-172.46	172.11-172.30	1¼-¾pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	16.698-16.736	16.721-16.736	¾-¼pr	1-¾pr
Zurich	1.9551-1.9592	1.9567-1.9592	1¼-1pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2750-1.2758
Austria	10.71-10.72
Belgium (Com)	31.34-31.38
Canada	1.3598-1.3603
Denmark	5.8658-5.8678
France	5.1477-5.1487
Germany	1.5230-1.5235
Hong Kong	7.7405-7.7410
Ireland	1.5994-1.6014
Italy	1527.70-1528.70
Japan	110.37-110.44
Malaysia	2.4908-2.4918
Netherlands	1.7080-1.7086
Norway	6.4922-6.4942
Portugal	156.32-156.42
Singapore	*1.4105-1.4125*
Spain	128.05-128.10
Sweden	6.6417-6.6517
Switzerland	1.2540-1.2550

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5606-1.5629
Australia dollar	1.9895-1.9921
Bahrain dinar	0.5820-0.5940
Brazil real*	1.5649-1.5692
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7350-0.7350
Finland markka	7.1975-7.3135
Greece drachma	369.25-376.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0752-12.0814
India rupee	54.32-55.28
Indonesia rupiah	3606.00-3674.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4630-0.4730
Malaysia ringgit	3.8847-3.8880
New Zealand dollar	2.2734-2.2761
Pakistan rupee	54.63 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6175-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2004-2.2045
S Africa rand (com)	6.7050-6.8070
U A E dirham	5.6700-5.7940

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,800	Marks Spr	3,200
ASDA Gp	7,700	NatWst Bk	7,100
Abbey Ntl	4,000	Nat Grid	4,100
Allied Dom	425	Nat Power	6,200
Argos	1,400	Next	250
AB Foods	530	Orange	5,400
BAA	1,300	P & O	1,300
BAT Inds	3,600	Pearson	1,200
BOC	1,100	Pilkington	9,200
BP	6,500	PowerGen	650
BSkyB	608	Prudential	3,000
BTR	4,100	RMC	459
BT	5,300	RTZ	2,400
Bk of Scot	4,100	Rank Org	4,800
Barclays	3,800	Reckitt Col	444
Bass	1,300	Redland	863
Blue Circle	1,500	Reed Intl	1,800
Boots	2,100	Rentokil	1,000
BAe	670	Reuters	1,100
BA	3,500	Rolls Royce	9,000
Brit Gas	4,200	Royal Ins	2,100
Brit Steel	2,200	Ryl Bk Scot	2,800
Burmah Cstl	895	Safeway	2,100
Burton	349	Sainsbury	7,700
Cable Wire	1,800	Schroders	17
Cadbury	3,000	Scot & New	744
Carlton Cms	1,900	Scot Power	1,900
Cm Union	1,200	Svrn Trent	1,900
Cookson	3,100	Shell Trans	2,600
Courtaulds	273	Siebe	366
Dixons	419	SmKl Bch	2,700
Enterpr Oil	1,400	Smith Nph	1,900
GKN	610	Smiths Inds	518
GRE	1,300	Sthern Elec	277
GUS	1,300	Std Chartd	2,800
Gen Acc	916	Sun Allnce	3,300
Gen Elec	7,300	TI Gp	319
Glaxo Well	3,800	Tate & Lyle	714
Granada	10,700	Tesco	6,800
Grand Met	6,700	Thames W	475
Guinness	1,700	Thrn EMI	311
HSBC	4,300	Tomkins	3,600
Hanson	9,000	Unilever	1,200
ICI	565	Utd Utilities	1,100
Kingfisher	1,800	Utd News	2,200
LASMO	2,500	Vodafone	2,100
Ladbroke	9,300	Whitbread	803
Land Secs	2,400	Wlms Hld	657
Legal & Gn	611	Wolseley	196
Lloyds TSB	10,500	Zeneca	538

WALL STREET

	Jul 3 close	Jul 2 close
AMP Inc	40½	41
AMR Corp	87½	89½
ASA	39½	39½
AT & T	61	61½
Abbott Labs	43½	43½
Advanced Micro	13½	13½
Aetna Life	71½	72½
Ahmanson (HF)	27½	27½
Air Prod & Chem	57½	57½
AirTouch Comm	28½	28
Alberto-Culver B	46½	45½
Albertson's	41½	41½
Alcan Aluminm	30½	30½
Alco Standard	45½	45½
Allied Signal	58½	58½
Alum Co of Am	56½	57½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	53½	53½
Amer Brands	46½	46½
Amer El Power	42½	42½
Amer Express	45½	45
Amer Genl Corp	37½	37½
Amer Home Pr	59½	59½
Amer Intl	97½	97½
Amer Stores	39½	39½
Amer Standard	32	31½
Ameritech	59½	59
Amoco	70	70½
Anheuser-Busch	74½	74½
Apple Computer	19½	21
Archer Daniels	19½	19
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrng Wrld	58	57½
Asarco	27½	27½
Atl Richfield	122	120½
Auto Data Pro	38½	38½
Avery Dennison	55½	54½
Avon Products	45½	45½
Baker Hughes	34	33½
Baltim Gas & El	28½	28½
Banc One	34½	34½
BankAmerica	79	77½
Bank of NY	51½	51½
Bankers Tr NY	74½	74
Barnett Banks	62	61½
Bausch & Lomb	42½	42½
Baxter Intl	46½	46½
Becton Dicknsn	80½	81
Bell Atlantic	63½	63
Bell Industries	18½	19½
BellSouth	43½	42½
Black & Decker	38	37½
Block (H&R)	32½	32½
Boeing	91½	92½
Boise Cascade	36½	36½
Bristol Myrs Sq	89½	89½
Browning Ferris	27½	28
Brunswick	20	20½
Burlington Nthn	86½	84½
CMS Energy Corp	30½	31½
CNA Financial	103½	105½
CPC Intl	71½	71½
CSX	46½	48
Campbell Soup	68½	69½
Can Pacific	21½	21½
Carolina Pwr	38½	38½
Caterpillar	70½	69½
Central & SW	26½	29½
Champion Intl	42	42½
Chase Manhat	71½	71½
Chevron Corp	60½	60½
Chrysler	59½	63½
Chubb Corp	49½	49½
Cigna Corp	119½	118½
Citicorp	82½	82½
Clorox	88	88½
Coastal Corp	41½	41½
Coca Cola	48½	49½
Colgate-Palmolive	83½	84½
Columbia Gas	51½	51½
ColumbiaHCA	52½	53½
Compaq Comp	49½	49½
Comp Ass Int	72½	72½
Conagra	40½	40½
Conrail	68½	67½
Cons Edison	29½	29½
Cons Nat Gas	53½	53½
Cooper Inds	40½	40½
Corestates	39½	39½
Corning Inc	38½	38½
Crown Cork	44½	45
Dana Corp	29½	30½
Dayton Hudson	102½	102½
Deere	39½	39½
Delta Air Lines	81½	82½
Deluxe Corp	36½	36½
Digital Equip	39	40½
Dillard Dept St	35½	36
Disney (Walt)	61	61½
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donelley (RR)	34½	34½
Dover Corp	46½	45½
Dow Chemical	78½	78½
Dow Jones	41½	41½
Dresser	29½	30½
Duke Power	50½	50½
Dun & Bradstreet	62½	62½
Du Pont	80½	81½
Eastman Chem	61½	61½
Eastman Kodak	77½	[illegible]

	Jul 3 close	Jul 2 close
Eaton Corp	57	57½
Edison Intl	17½	17½
Emerson Elec	89½	89½
Engelhard Corp	23½	22½
Enron Corp	41½	41½
Entergy	27½	28
Ethyl Corp	9½	9½
Exxon	89½	88½
FMC Corp	66	65½
FPL Group	45½	45½
Federal Express	83½	82½
Fed Nat Mtge	32½	32½
First Bk Sys	58½	58½
First Union Rlty	7	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	44½	43½
Fluor Corp	66½	66½
Ford Motor	31½	33½
GTE Corp	44½	44½
Gannett	69½	69½
Gap Inc Del	32½	32½
Gen Dynamics	64½	64½
Gen Electric	87½	87½
Gen Mills	54½	54½
Gen Motors	52½	53½
Gen Reinsurance	151½	153½
Gen Signal	38½	38½
Genuine Parts	46½	46½
Georgia Pac	71½	71½
Gillette	63½	61½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27	26½
Goodrich (BF)	38½	37½
Goodyear Tire	48½	49
Grace (W&R)	72½	72
Gt Atl Pac Tea	32½	32½
Great Wstn Fin	22½	24½
Halliburton	53½	53½
Harcourt General	51	49½
Heinz (HJ)	32	31½
Hercules	54½	54½
Hershey Foods	74½	75
Hewlett Packard	94½	97½
Hilton Hotels	108½	109½
Home Depot	55½	54½
Homestake Mng	17½	17½
Honeywell	54½	54½
Household Intl	76½	77½
Houston Inds	24½	24½
Humana	17½	17½
ITT Corp	65½	66½
Illinois Tool	68	67½
Illinova	28	28½
INCO	32½	32½
Ingersoll Rand	44	43½
Inland Steel	19½	19½
Intel Corp	74½	74½
IBM	98½	100
Intl Flav & Fr	47	47
Intl Paper	38	38½
James River Va	26½	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	49½	49½
Kellogg	73½	73½
Kerr-McGee	62½	61½
Kimberly-Clark	77½	77½
Kmart	12½	12½
Knight-Ridder	73½	73½
Lilly (Eli)	65½	64½
Limited Inc	21½	21½
Lincoln Nat	46½	46½
Litton	43½	43½
Liz Claiborne	34½	34½
Lockheed Martin	87½	86½
Louisiana Pac	22½	22½
MCI Comm	25½	24½
Marriott Int	52½	53
Marsh & McLnn	96½	96½
Masco Corp	30½	31
May Dept St	44½	44½
Maytag Corp	21½	21½
McDonalds	46½	46½
McDonnell D	49½	50
McGraw Hill	45	45½
Mead Corp	52½	52½
Medtronic	55½	55½
Mellon Bk	57½	57½
Melville Corp	40½	41½
Merck Inc	66	66
Merrill Lynch	65½	66½
Microsoft	121½	121½
Minnesota Mine	69	69½
Mobil Corp	115½	114½
Monsanto	33½	33½
Morgan (JP)	87	86½
Motorola Inc	65½	64½
Natl Semi	16½	15½
Natl Service Ind	39½	39½
Navistar Int	10½	10½
NY Times A	31½	31½
Newmont Mng	51	51½
Niag Mohawk	7½	7½
Nike B	109	105½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	10½	11½
Nordstrom	43½	43½
Norfolk Sthrn	87½	86½
Nthn State Pwr	49½	49½
Norwest Corp	34½	34½
Nynex Corp	46½	47½
Occidental Pet	25½	25½
Ohio Edison	22	22½
Oracle	34½	39½

	Jul 3 close	Jul 2 close
Orys Energy Co	16	16½
Overseas Ship	18	18½
Owens Corning	42½	42½
PHH Corp	55½	56
PPG Industries	48½	48½
PNC Bank	30½	30½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	46½	48½
Pacificorp	22½	22½
Pac Enterprises	29½	29½
Pac Gas & Elec	22½	23
Pac Telesis	33½	33½
Pall Corp	24½	24½
Parker Hannifin	42	42
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	52½	52½
Pennzoil	47	47½
Pepsico	34½	35½
Pfizer	72½	72½
Pharm & Upjhn	44½	44½
Phelps Dodge	61½	61½
Philip Morris	104½	104½
Phillips Pet	42½	42½
Pitney Bowes	47	47½
Polaroid	45½	45½
PriceCostco	21½	21½
Procter & Gmbl	90½	89½
Providian	43	43½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	32½	33
Ralston Purina	63	64½
Raychem Corp	73½	74
Raytheon	49½	49½
Reebok Intl	34	33½
Reynolds Metals	51½	52½
Rockwell Intl	56	55½
Rohm & Haas	63½	63
Royal Dutch	155½	153½
Rubbermaid	27½	27½
SBC Comms	49½	49
Safeco Corp	35½	35½
St Paul's Cos	54½	54½
Salomon Inc	44½	44½
Sara Lee Corp	32½	33½
Schering Plough	63½	62½
Schlumberger	87½	86
Seagram	33½	33½
Sears Roebuck	47½	47½
Shell Trans	88½	88½
Sherwin Wlms	46½	46½
Skyline Corp	26½	26½
Snap-On-Tools	47½	47½
Southern Co	24½	23½
Sprint Corp	42	41½
Stanley Works	29½	29½
Sun Company	29½	30
Sun Microsys	57	58½
Suntrust	37½	37½
Supervalu	31½	31½
Sysco Corp	31½	34½
TRW Inc	90½	90½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	10½	11
Tandy Corp	46½	46
Teledyne	36½	36½
Temple Inland	48½	49½
Tenneco	50½	50½
Texaco	86½	86
Texas Inst	50½	51½
Texas Utilities	42½	42½
Textron	79	79½
Time Warner	39½	39½
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Timken	40½	39½
Torchmark	43½	43½
Toys R Us	27½	28½
Transamerica	80½	81½
Travelers	45½	46½
Tribune	73½	73½
Tyco Int	41	40½
UST Inc	34½	34½
UAL	55½	56½
US Inds	21½	24
US West Comm	32½	31½
USX Marathon	21½	21
Unicom	27½	27½
Unilever NV	146	145½
Union Camp	49½	49½
Union Carbide	40½	40½
Union Pacific	72½	72½
Unisys Corp	6½	7
USAIR Group	18½	18½
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	32½	32½
United Tech	115½	116½
Unocal Corp	33½	33½
VF Corp	59	59½
WMX Tech	32½	32½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	58½	59½
Wells Fargo	241½	241½
Westinghouse El	18½	18½
Weyerhaeuser	42½	42½
Whirlpool	51½	52
Whitman	24½	24½
Winn Dixie	35½	35½
Woolworth	22½	22½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	51½	51½
Xerox	53½	53½
Yellow Corp	13½	13½

Disclosure has improved but executive pay remains controversial

Fat cats are still lapping the cream

Alasdair Murray assesses Greenbury's impact a year after the committee's report was published



Sir Richard Greenbury seems determined to set an example

It is a year since the Greenbury Report was published but the public outcry over excessive directors' pay refuses to die. Barely a week passes without some new revelation of directors securing inflation-busting pay deals or walking away from poorly performing companies with bumper pay-offs.

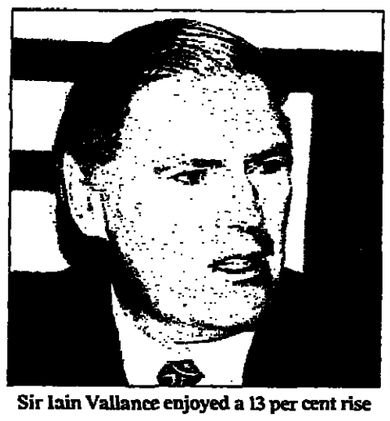
Only yesterday Keith Ness, chief executive of Hornby, the toy train maker, steamed away from the company with a £720,000 pay-off, in spite of Hornby's £5 million loss. Last month directors at BT and United Utilities, both of which have faced criticism before, again risked public fury over their latest pay deals. Sir Desmond Pitcher, United's chairman, received a 21 per cent increase in basic salary to £321,000, while Brian Staples, chief executive, saw his pay soar 27 per cent to £300,000. Michael Hepher, the former BT managing director, received a £750,000 goodbye gift from the company, although he has moved straight into a £1 million-a-year job as chief executive of Charterhouse, the merchant bank.

The Greenbury Committee was supposed to have ended these kind of deals, placing the "fat cats" on a strict diet of accountability and best practice. But at many UK companies the directors' wallets still seem a trifle overweight at the end of each year. In the first year since Greenbury, FT-SE 100 directors awarded themselves an average pay rise of 19 per cent while employee wage rises have averaged only 3.25 per cent.

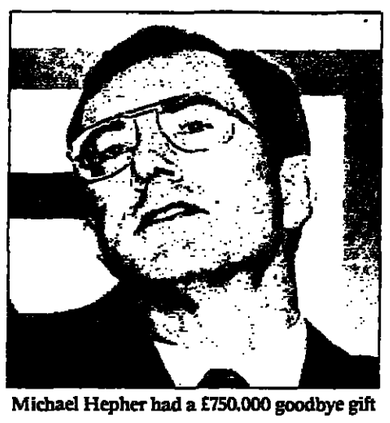
Even the great and the good who served on the Greenbury Committee have not shown complete self-restraint, although the average rise is a distinctly more modest 9 per cent. But Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, received an 18 per cent increase to £520,000, while Sir Iain Vallance also enjoyed a healthy rise of nearly 13 per cent to £675,000.

In one sense Greenbury has been effective. The quality of disclosure has improved dramatically. Before the guidelines, calculating an individual director's pay normally required a PhD in maths and inside information.

An examination of the latest annual reports for the six FT-SE directors who served on the Greenbury Committee reveals not just how much they earned last year, but in what form the earnings were paid, from bonuses to benefits. There are still discrepancies, with reports often employing complex formulae to show pension details. But even with pensions (notoriously difficult to value), the vital information can still be uncovered. For instance, Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, received a lump pension payment of £838,000 last year to ensure that he is able to take early retirement at 55 — on a pension of at least £315,000 a year.



Sir Iain Vallance enjoyed a 13 per cent rise



Michael Hepher had a £750,000 goodbye gift



Sir David Lees picked up an 18 per cent rise



Sir Michael Angus sat on the committee

Improved disclosure has focused attention on the criteria used to set directors' pay. Richard Regan, of the Association of British Insurers, said: "There has been far greater transparency in the arrangements which has inevitably resulted in greater debate. But not all the pay criteria are especially demanding."

There is still little consensus on when and how bonuses should be paid. The criteria in annual reports are often vague and uninformative. Marks & Spencer refers to setting pay at "the upper quartile of comparable plcs", while BP, whose chairman, Sir David Simon, also sat on the Greenbury Committee, simply set pay rates at "market-related ranges for the home country".

Fittingly, Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of M&S, seems determined to set an example. His package of £816,000 last year is considerably more modest than many of the company's competitors. Sir Ian MacLaurin, of Tesco, for instance, tops the retailers' pay league with a take-home total of nearly £1.2 million.

The rush to fulfil disclosure requirements has created a new mini-boom industry for pay consultants. But it is the failure of advisers to ensure that companies adopt strict pay criteria that is worrying corporate governance campaigners such as Pensions and Investment Research Consultants. PIRC argues that most UK corporations are complying with the letter of Greenbury, but not necessarily adopting the spirit. Greenbury recommended that directors' service contracts should be reduced to just one year, drastically reducing the pay-offs directors receive if they are forced off the board. But even companies such as Whitbread and BA, which have Greenbury Committee member Sir Michael Angus on their boards, are maintaining two-year service contracts for executives.

PIRC is especially concerned over the fall-out from the initially welcome move away from share options to other forms of long-term incentive plans. Share options, which are awarded in bulk and often with low exercise prices, have been widely discredited as a crude mechanicism for measuring a director's performance. New schemes invariably include a performance measure, employing devices such as total shareholder return or earnings per share growth, to determine the level of reward.

Manifest, a corporate governance research group, has highlighted three areas where it believes that companies are permitting undeserving directors to walk away with huge payments. Some companies, such as Willis Corroon, the insurer, have tied long-term incentive plans to profits before tax, although profits can be increased through acquisitions, yet leave shareholders worse off. Undemanding criteria based on simple earnings per share growth above inflation have also been criticised. HSBC, which owns the Midland Bank, was forced to back down on its plan to award directors shares on this basis after criticism at its AGM. Manifest is also concerned that some companies use targets that are too short term. N Brown Group has made the awards conditional on performance over one financial year.

But then the Greenbury code was never intended to curb pay rises, whether in the form of long-term incentives or salary increases. It was simply aimed at improving the dialogue between shareholders and directors on the issue and ironing out a few isolated excesses, chiefly in the Utilities. In this sense, Greenbury is working, but needs more time before a full judgment can be made. Mr Regan said: "The recommendations are working. They have not removed all the excesses, but have more clearly identified them. If we keep changing the rules of the game we will never see if they truly work."

For campaigners such as PIRC, Greenbury has highlighted rather than solved the problem. It feels that UK directors are still inclined to pay themselves too liberally. To impose more discipline will almost certainly require more radical restrucuturing than Greenbury. It is equally unlikely to be satisfied by the gentle self-regulatory approach being pursued by the Cadbury II Committee — under the guidance of Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman of ICI — the latest talking shop to consider the subject.

How a modern-day David managed to slay the copper world's Goliath

Richard Thomson looks at the sequence of events that led to Yasuo Hamanaka's downfall

It was a modern version of David and Goliath — a single individual bringing down a giant, the effects of which are being felt across the world. In this story the battle took place in the copper market and the giant was the massive Sumitomo Corporation, one of the world's largest commodity companies. The role of David was taken by Herbert Black, a 52-year-old millionaire scrap metal merchant in Canada.

It was, Black admits, the deal of a lifetime. He sold copper just as Sumitomo's grip on the market was beginning to crack. His action was the final shove that tipped the copper price, and Sumitomo itself, over the precipice. Its bullying control of the copper price broken, the Japanese giant lost anywhere between $1.8 billion and $4 billion, while Mr Black walked away with a clear profit of more than $75 million. "It's an extreme win," is all he will say.

Mr Black is little known outside the copper market and the social circuit of Montreal where he lives. He rarely talks to the press and hardly ever discusses American Iron & Metals, the family business that he owns and jointly runs with his younger brother, Ronald. It was founded by Mr Black's father, but Herbert (known as Herb or Herbie) joined the business when he was 17, and began running it on his own a few years later when his father died of cancer.

When he took control, sales at American Iron were C$600,000 (£283,000). Through a mixture of business skill and tenacity, Black has built it into one of Quebec's leading metal recovery businesses with a turnover of C$250 million. It is a straightforward scrap metal processing operation. Truckloads of scrap are brought into the company's Montreal depot and sorted into copper tubing, wire and aluminium, before being sold to refining companies. American Iron also makes soldering products.

Mr Black is an established figure in Montreal society and is described by some who know him as socially ambitious. At a dinner in honour of Henry Kissinger in New York, Mr Black apparently hustled himself to the front of the welcoming line to be the first to shake Mr Kissinger's hand.

A leading collector of Georgian furniture, Mr Black is building a C$3 million Georgian-style mansion in Westmount, an upmarket English neighbourhood of Montreal, to house it. The house will also serve as a showcase for his extensive art collection, which includes works by Renoir and Picasso, but concentrates mainly on Impressionists. He also has a Rodin sculpture and several Henry Moore maquettes which he bought after meeting the sculptor.

Less predictably, Mr Black is an avid collector of Disney animation drawings and Beatles memorabilia — he once paid nearly $20,000 for a guitar owned by John Lennon. He sold most of the drawings some years ago in an auction that attracted such Hollywood luminaries as Steven Spielberg.

But it is his dealings in metal that have shot Mr Black into the headlines and to serious wealth. Running a scrap metal business led naturally to an interest in the metal markets. "I have traded on the London Metal Exchange every day since I was a kid," he says. "That gives you a certain intuition. Anyway, I'm not stupid." He is certainly one of the few private investors who ever makes money in the professionals' market.

The timing of his coup against Sumitomo was not, he insists, a matter of luck, or having inside information, or being in league with hedge fund managers such as George Soros and Julian Robertson who were also attacking the copper price. "I don't even know them," says Black. He won simply because he judged the market correctly.

The story of his coup began last summer when, like Soros and Robertson, he started selling copper believing that the high price could not be sustained. His view was that Yasuo Hamanaka, the trader behind Sumitomo's huge losses, was long on copper and would keep buying. Bears like Black kept selling. They loaded Hamanaka up with 600,000 to 800,000 tonnes. Hamanaka thought he could hold out until an avalanche of futures contracts expired near the end of last year, at which point the shorts would have to buy copper to cover their positions. He was right. The price held, and the shorts — Black among them — lost heavily.



Herbert Black runs his family's scrap metal business

Hamanaka continued to squeeze the market, causing a backwardation: the spot price was higher than the futures price — usually a sign of crisis in the market. Early this year, Soros dropped out of the game, but Black, Robertson and others continued to believe that copper must eventually fall. Using Rudolf Wolff, the brokers, for many of his trades, Black shorted again, and again had to cover his futures at a loss in April.

Then news began to pour in suggesting that copper might not fall after all. The Chinese were said to be buying 200,000 tonnes, there was a strike at a mine in Chile and the price backwardation reappeared. Black now went long, but by May 12, he was nervous. The Chilean strike was settled, the LME's stocks of physical copper seemed dangerously low; perhaps the copper price was not so well supported after all.

"I was beginning to sweat. Then I heard that someone had lent 50,000 tonnes of copper. I asked myself: why would they lend 50,000 tonnes if there is a squeeze on the market?" By May 17, Black decided that all the bullish factors had been built into the copper price: it had to fall, however much Hamanaka tried to stop it. In any case, he felt he had sweated enough.

He also insists that he had no special knowledge of what was happening at Sumitomo. Hamanaka, who had been organising the price squeeze, was abruptly removed from the copper trading desk and on May 20 was "promoted". "For all I knew, promotion meant he was even more dangerous," says Black. He believes that Hamanaka continued to control Sumitomo's copper market operations with the full knowledge of the company, and fought the subsequent fall unsuccessfully. But by then he had become irrelevant.

Acting on his assessment of the market, Black made the crucial move that sent the market into a nosedive. He sold out of his long position of more than 25,000 tonnes on Friday May 17. Sharps Pixley, the metal broker, bought the copper, but immediately sold it again at a lower price. At that point Black was convinced he had the market on the run. Having unloaded all his long positions, he sold short 25,000 tonnes. "I was the biggest seller on that Friday morning. I was the only seller, and yet the market started falling."

The next Monday he sold a further 50,000 tonnes, watched the market fall again, and sold some more. After that it was a rout. The market collapsed more than 15 per cent, Sumitomo's massive copper holdings slumped in value and one of the biggeest financial scandals of recent memory erupted when Hamanaka was sacked on June 13.

While Mr Black is convinced that Sumitomo was fully aware of Hamanaka's machinations to support the copper price, he believes the notion that the Chinese were hand-in-glove with him is nonsense. They were taken in by Hamanaka's quiet charm and persuaded to buy a lot of copper. It was only when they saw the weakness of the market that they realised the danger of their position and began to unload their copper holdings. When that happened, Hamanaka's price support operation was doomed.

Mr Black, meanwhile, knows that he has won a probably unrepeatable victory. He is much wealthier and his art collection may grow a great deal bigger in the next few years. For slaying Goliath, David takes his reward.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Gesture proves little for Large

JUST as Sir Andrew Large waives his annual £14,000 fee for joining the Board of Banking Supervision, an independent arm of the Bank of England (City Diary yesterday), we learn that Colette Bowe, chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority, is to pick up a £20,000 bonus on top of her total pay packet of £189,000. But then Sir Andrew can afford to be more generous. As chairman of the SIB, the chief City watchdog, he earned £298,667 last year. Nice work if you can get it.

Extra-time row

CASPIAN, the media group run by Chris Akers, has learnt its first lesson in the world of football finance. On Tuesday evening it was told by Leeds United that it had won the battle to take over the Premiership club but was not able to announce the deal until yesterday. However, any interested parties could have phoned up the club's premium-rate call line at any time from Tuesday afternoon and be given chapter and verse on the deal.

Man-of-oar

PLAYING host to brokers and clients in Henley yesterday was Martyn Arbib, chairman of fund manager Perpetual, who revealed he is putting "a substantial sum of money" behind a museum of rowing for the town, which is home to Perpetual's headquarters.

On the books

AFTER retiring as a Deloitte & Touche tax partner earlier this year, Maurice Parry-Wingfield has this week been appointed one of three special advisers to the Inland Revenue's Rewrite project.

Maltesers

CORNEY & BARROW, the wine bar chain, sparked friendly City rivalry by drawing The Long & The Short of It, representing Martin Brokers UK, and The Maltese Malleteers, representing Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, in their golf croquet league. It emerged that Long & Short's Claudia Edwards and Andy Mouncey, of the Malleteers, are more than just good friends. Cue a lot of Maltese barracking. Claudia and team-mate Carmel Luff beat the Malleteers 4-3.

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UK Growth Acc	439.80	467.90	+1.10	2.71
UK Growth Inc	288.70	307.20	+0.80	2.71
Higher Inc Acc	773.00	822.40	+1.30	4.23
Higher Inc Inc	421.60	448.60	+0.70	4.23
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	207.50	219.10	+0.20	5.63
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.13	98.36	+0.12	5.63
Nth America	377.60	401.80	-3.20	
Europe	362.10	385.30	+2.10	0.37
Brit Excell	87.13	92.70†	+0.23	2.90
Brit Fxdrats Acc	111.80	119.00	+0.10	4.79
Brit Fxdrats Inc	76.61	81.51	-0.02	4.79
Global Opps	105.40	112.20†	-0.20	
Balanced Acc	62.40	66.39	+0.05	2.64
Balanced Inc	59.05	62.82	+0.05	2.64
Japan Acc	48.28	51.37	-0.23	
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ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	128.80	136.70†	+0.10	7.14
High Inc Equity	179.20	190.60†	-0.10	4.52
Worldwide Bond	283.10	300.20		4.90
American Growth	370.50	396.40	-1.50	0.19
Asian Pacific	345.80	369.80	-0.80	0.18
Assets & Earnings	296.40	317.00	-0.10	2.80
Euro Capital Acc	182.90	195.60	+0.40	0.81
Extra Inc	43.43	46.20†		7.76
General	273.80	291.30	+0.20	3.01
Global Opps	70.32	74.31	-0.03	0.53
Japan	126.70	135.50	-1.00	
Managed Inc	47.71	50.76†	+0.02	4.58
Mastertrust	169.70	181.50	-0.30	0.80
US Emerging Cos	216.50	230.30	1.70	
Ethical	80.90	86.06†	+0.06	2.58
International	141.40	150.40	-0.20	0.35
Dividend & Growth	66.39	70.63†	+0.08	4.35
Global Gwth & Sec	73.09	78.11	+0.01	2.42
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Amer Inc & Growth	59.83	62.16	-0.16	0.49
Emerging Mkts	74.97	79.10	-0.08	0.04
European	153.70	159.80	+0.30	
Exempt	1088.80	1157.80†	+1.80	1.61
Extra Income #	46.66	50.09†	-0.04	6.61
Far East Emg Eco	135.40	142.20†	0.10	0.44
Fixed Interest #	25.13	26.14	-0.01	9.22
Fund Inv Tst	152.30	160.00†	-0.10	9.59
Japan	192.10	209.40	-0.30	
Latin American	60.85	63.47	+0.15	0.77
Pacific	86.95	91.33	-0.03	0.29
Property Share	67.21	70.55†	0.02	2.49
UK Emerging Cos	74.02	80.01†	-0.27	1.20
Uk Growth	52.33	56.08	+0.14	2.13
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Growth & Income	275.80	294.80	+2.30	3.15
Capital	491.70	525.60	+3.00	1.20
Balanced	795.40	850.20†	+6.50	2.45
Accumulator	1523.00	1638.00†	+11.00	1.90
Income Trusts:				
American Income	61.09	65.16	-0.02	2.45
High Income	446.30	476.90	+3.50	3.97
Equity Income	266.80	287.70†	-1.80	4.01
High Yield	268.90	287.20	-2.00	4.18
Govt Securities	33.90	35.68	-0.07	6.12
International Trusts:				
Amer Spec Sits	206.80	220.00	-0.40	0.05
European Growth	55.48	59.35	-0.25	0.07
International	193.70	206.20	+0.30	0.11
Japan	218.50	232.50	-0.50	
Pacific	435.30	465.30†	+0.80	
Sec of America	576.40	614.20†	-2.90	0.13
Wwide Asset Val	57.51	61.47	-0.02	0.02
Specialist Trusts:				
Asset Value	613.00	655.20†	-4.50	2.09
Cons & Gilt	48.85	52.22	-0.15	4.15
Smaller Cos	217.50	232.50†	-0.20	0.96
2nd Smaller Cos	207.40	221.70	-0.20	0.83
Recovery	166.20	178.30†	+0.60	1.56
Mid Mkt & Cdty	169.30	180.60	-0.30	0.17
Hseas Earnings	414.70	443.30†	-3.30	1.13
Technology	226.80	242.40	-1.30	
UK Special Sits	571.70	611.10	-2.80	1.02
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Critcrd Pnl Pens	116.10	120.60		3.04
Foundtn Pensl Penc	69.91	72.83		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	73.70	84.79†	+0.14	1.67
International	69.81	74.27†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	344.30	368.30	-0.40	
Bond	115.30	121.30†		6.87
Brit Smlr Cos	122.30	130.10	-0.40	1.73
Conv & Gen #	72.99	77.65	-0.03	5.09
Europe	284.30	301.40	+1.80	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	126.50	134.50	+0.30	0.60
Income Gwth	377.80	401.90†	+0.70	4.36
Japan	337.70	359.10	-2.50	
Latin American	86.79	92.33†	+0.54	0.85
Pacific	119.30	126.90	+0.50	1.17
Uk Smlr Cos	61.94	65.89	+0.03	1.20
Japan Fd	207.60	228.90	-4.80	
Mngd Fd	200.30	212.70	+0.30	2.65
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	364.50	385.20	-3.20	0.91
Capital Gwth	123.50	130.60	+1.10	2.53
Wwide Opps	220.20	232.90	-1.60	0.89
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts:				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	404.40	425.40	+0.40	2.52
European Bd Inc	96.54	99.92	-0.08	6.66
Exempt	79.54	84.83	+0.07	3
Financial	95.50	102.10†	+0.30	2.75
500	520.90	568.30	-1.10	2.35
General	314.60	337.10	+0.40	2.81
Property	240.00	257.50†		6.37
Trustee	216.30	231.50†	+0.10	2.40
Income Trusts:				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00†		5.14
Distribution #	110.60	111.20†	+0.10	6.31
Extra Income #	133.00	142.30		4.90
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.59	59.61†	-0.01	8.04
Income #	576.30	616.30	+0.90	4.77
Income Builder #	67.98	72.51	-0.01	5.50
Intl Income	69.30	73.72†	+0.06	2.67
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	137.90	147.10	+0.20	2.17
Leisure	178.40	190.80	-0.10	0.67
Recovery	477.70	510.90	-0.20	2.82
Smlr Cos Inc	60.12	64.47	-0.24	1.98
Special Sits	386.80	413.70	-1.10	0.86
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	172.10	182.90	-0.30	0.07
Aust Acc	279.20	296.90	-1.80	1.32
Aust Inc	166.40	177.60†	-1.00	1.92
Euro Gwth Inc	192.20	204.10	+0.10	0.54
-do- Accum	207.50	220.40	+0.10	0.54
Japan & Gen Inc	159.00	168.40	-0.90	
-do- Accum	160.90	170.30	-0.90	
Japan Spec Sits	74.39	78.81	0.55	
Worldwide	199.60	211.90†	-0.20	0.46
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	128.30	136.10	-0.90	
Amer Smlr Cos	166.90	178.50	-1.10	
Convertibles	60.26	64.62†	-0.13	4.90
Eastern	317.90	336.30	-0.20	0.30
Equity Income	95.46	102.10	+0.29	3.80
European Growth	372.30	396.50	+1.80	0.80
Europe	362.30	386.30†	-0.50	1.60
German Growth	93.70	95.03	-0.23	0.50
Global Bond	70.84	74.51	+0.14	6.50
Global Growth	147.80	157.10		0.40
Japan Growth	206.30	220.00		0.40
Japan Sm Cos	127.60	135.80		0.60
Korea Trust	71.16	77.19	-0.25	
Portfolio	145.40	154.60	0.10	2.30
-do- Accum	270.40	299.50	-0.10	2.30
Uk Growth	99.95	106.30†	+0.30	2.60
Uk Smaller Cos	98.73	107.10		2.50
Select Managed	89.49	95.99	-0.01	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	91.64	97.49		
Special Oppor Inc	62.10	66.06		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	137.21	145.20	-2.35	1.38
-do- Accum	158.11	167.31	-2.71	1.38
Smaller Cos	152.80	161.69	-4.42	0.38
Higher Yield #	54.44	57.61†	-0.81	3.83
American Gth Inc	99.01	104.77	-0.62	
European Growth	164.15	173.70	-0.04	
-do- Accum	167.45	177.19	+0.04	
Global Bond Inc #	25.78	26.70†	-0.03	6.32
Mngd Ptolio Inc	53.39	56.58	+0.58	1.34
-do- Accum	54.92	58.09	+0.59	1.34
Intl Spec Opps	166.35	178.03	-2.66	
Pacific Gth	148.93	157.60	-4.49	
Uk General #	91.86	97.21†	+0.01	2.77
-do- Accum #	98.34	104.06	+0.01	2.77
Japan	62.06	65.67	-1.25	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.64	102.43†	-0.28	8.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.69	66.53	-0.06	6.57
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	188.80	198.70†	-0.20	1.89
UK Growth	204.70	215.50		2.11
Uk Income	143.10	150.60	+0.10	4.56
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	229.80	243.60	+0.40	1.62
-do- Income Dist	120.60	127.60	-0.30	3.97
-do- Accum	387.10	410.40	+1.20	3.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.93	43.00	+0.01	6.35
Growth Units	241.60	256.40	+0.80	2.10
Bond	175.20	184.40	-0.10	7.28
Intl Growth	251.20	267.10	-1.20	0.18
North American	255.30	271.80	-1.80	0.18
Far East	313.30	335.10†	-0.30	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	231.90	248.00†		0.77
European	97.71	103.60†	+0.70	0.80
Japanese Growth	49.87	52.98	-0.23	
High Income	210.00	224.60	-0.70	4.36
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7453 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	221.70	234.30	-1.20	
European Inc	95.46	101.08	+0.47	0.52
Smaller Cos (4-11)	109.60	116.70		1.43
Growth	532.90	567.00	+0.50	1.67
Income & Growth #	447.40	476.00	+0.50	3.49
-do- Accum #	661.20	703.50	+0.80	3.49
Japan & Gen	71.88	76.17	-0.39	
Master Portfolio	£115.91	£119.68†	+13.00	2.02
-do- Accum	£142.55	£147.18	+16.00	2.02
Special Sits	122.30	130.20†	+0.20	1.74
High Yield	£14.30	£14.75	+2.00	4.54

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	100.01	106.82†	+0.27	2.40
American Portfolio	120.52	128.13†	-0.15	0.88
European Portfolio	134.38	143.33	+0.52	0.82
High Income	51.34	51.46	+0.12	7.41
Japanese Portfolio	72.09	76.60†	-0.48	
Pacific Portfolio	158.84	168.65†	-0.05	1.41
UK Equity	96.18	102.69	+0.43	3.11
UK Equity & Bd	55.84	59.19	+0.26	6.48
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	737.85	749.01	-0.77	4.39
Fxd In Sec	153.34	153.96	+0.92	9.29
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	724.82	735.78	-7.53	4.53
Investment Acc	£33.03	£33.53	+3.28	
Fixed Int Inc	124.06	124.56	-2.44	9.31
Fixed Int Acc	220.99	221.87	+0.80	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.07	92.04		3.23
Beck Bio-Tech	46.15	49.87†	+0.96	
Acorn Ethical Tst	186.83	196.19†		0.45
City Fin Assets	79.31	83.28		1.57
City Fin America	118.90	124.86		
City Fin Intl	92.19	96.81		0.44
City Fin Japan	155.63	163.43		
Frnrs Hse Cap	313.85	333.88†		2.24
Frnrs Hse Inc	192.36	204.64†		3.69
Buckley Wrld Gth	150.97	160.03		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	56.44	59.27†	+0.47	3.32
Stone Utilities	57.53	61.67	-0.01	5.90
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	59.25	62.87	-0.04	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Gwth	81.47	86.67	-0.52	
Drayton Growth	73.95	79.09	+0.05	0.32
Equity High Inc	87.12	93.40†	+0.19	4.32
-do- Accum	123.95	132.90	+0.27	4.32
Extra Income Inc	25.13	27.32†	-0.01	7.65
Extra Income Acc	28.10	29.80	-0.01	7.65
European Gwth	63.31	67.17	+0.29	0.85
Evergreen	33.26	35.57	+0.06	
General Equity	100.07	106.18	+0.07	3.05
Japan Growth	54.23	57.69	-0.59	
Pedigree Gwth	62.65	66.65	+0.14	2.40
Fxd Smr Cos Inc	38.66	41.13	-0.26	1.43
-do- Accum	40.96	43.57	-0.28	1.43
Retirement Inc #	27.07	28.80	-0.09	6.16
Special Sits	47.44	50.47	-0.30	2.22
UK & Overseas	59.80	63.45	+0.02	0.66
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Balanced	67.18	69.97	+0.15	4.10
Capital	80.59	83.94	+0.18	2.34
High Income	50.72	52.83†	-0.06	7.17
Top 50	53.83	56.07	+0.09	2.18
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	188.90	196.77	+0.11	4.67
Long Gilt	41.89	43.60†		6.49
Monthly Inc Plus	48.75	50.78	-0.03	8.82
Preference Share	46.06	47.98†	-1.17	8.30
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	136.59	142.28†	+0.22	6.00
Managed Fund	77.08	80.29	+0.04	2.67
Uk Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.35	54.53	-0.05	1.74
-do- Accum	61.88	64.46	-0.06	1.74
UK & General	93.84	97.75	+0.27	2.64
-do- Accum	121.71	126.78	+0.34	2.64
UK Growth	187.68	195.50	+0.56	1.44
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	214.22	223.15	+1.05	0.65
Far Eastern Gth	144.17	150.18	-0.01	0.02
Global Bond	80.66	84.02		5.90
Japan Growth	119.93	124.93	-0.53	
North Amer Gth	237.46	247.35	-1.11	
Oriental Growth	86.31	89.91	-1.60	0.26
Worldwide Growth	75.55	78.70	-0.10	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.46	92.46	+0.01	5.20
Homemaker Fund	91.60	97.45	+0.14	1.55
Quilter Fund	152.59	162.33	+0.07	1.93
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.05	38.54	+0.26	3.22
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	179.70	191.20	-0.40	1.63
Income	70.81	75.33	+0.21	4.80
European	75.49	80.31	+0.44	0.73
Recovery	186.30	198.20	+0.50	1.77
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	933.70	948.30†		3.55
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.00	119.10	-0.10	1.09
Income #	282.00	300.00	+0.50	4.22
-do- Accum #	738.20	785.30	+1.50	4.22
Smaller Cos	237.10	252.20†	-0.30	0.91
-do- Accum	294.40	313.10	-0.40	0.91
Gilt Portfolio	101.10	107.50	+0.20	7.58
High Inc Port #	81.81	87.03	+0.18	4.37
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1706.60	1769.90	-8.60	
Japan Small Cos	1329.20	1355.30	-46.10	
Uk Small Cos	2221.90	2308.80	-19.10	2.67
US Small Cos	2178.50	2224.00	+4.30	0.93
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	233.50	245.80†		2.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	162.90	173.20†	+0.20	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	170.00	180.80	+0.10	3.78
-do- Accum	229.60	244.20	+0.10	3.78
UK Pref & F I Inc	57.81	61.33†	-0.01	8.03
Emerald Opps	99.27	105.60	-0.10	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	69.80	74.25	-0.05	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.51	51.60	-0.07	8.23
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	177.90	188.40	-0.10	0.42
Convertibles #	22.42	23.82†	-0.78	7.56
Equity Income #	139.60	148.30†	+0.30	4.05
Eurofund	64.24	67.97	+0.42	0.88
Financial	54.82	58.03	+0.09	1.55
Growth & Inc #	284.30	302.10	+1.00	2.90
High Dist #	175.60	186.80	+0.70	4.23
International	451.40	479.60†	+2.00	0.10
Intl Cap Inc	105.50	112.60†	+0.10	2.58
Latin American	33.54	35.64	+0.09	
Pacific	88.29	93.81	-0.18	
Pref High Inc	21.66	23.01†	-0.03	7.82
Tokyo	241.30	255.80	-1.10	
UK Smaller Cos	268.00	284.80	-0.20	1.05
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	336.30	355.30	+3.30	1.01
New Asia	243.40	259.90	+0.10	0.22
Japan Growth	117.80	125.40	-0.60	
Jap Smllr Co	490.80	523.10	-2.60	
Nth Amer	413.40	437.60†	-2.40	0.67
Uk Inc & Gwth	241.50	258.70	+0.50	2.87
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Bfd Director Oby	115.90	123.20	-2.53	1.29
Growth Acc	255.93	273.17	-2.05	0.29
Income	609.02	644.57	-4.26	4.91
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	227.60	242.10	-1.30	0.92
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	92.19	97.04†	+0.37	2.07
Ethical Tst	49.14	51.73	-0.02	6.77
Far Eastern	322.53	339.51	-3.25	1.46
High Income	135.38	142.51	-0.91	5.04
UK Index Trckng	48.93	51.50	-0.46	3.29
Intl Growth	149.27	157.13	-0.59	0.24
North American	146.72	154.44	-0.23	1.75
Pelican	136.06	143.22	+1.10	3.39
Smaller Cos	73.27	77.13†	-0.15	2.39
Special Sits	96.17	101.23	-0.40	2.53
Tst of Inv Tsts	216.02	227.39	-0.31	1.16
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	237.52	252.68	-0.66	1.47
Smaller Cos Acc	423.27	450.29	-0.12	1.47
Recovery	59.92	63.74†	+0.01	1.67
Recovery Acc	61.92	65.87†	+0.01	1.67
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.38	93.70	+0.00	
Fd of Inv Tsts	51.66	55.10†		0.53
High Income #	37.62	40.22†	+0.03	[illegible]
Managed	51.17	55.62†	-0.13	
Zero Preference	42.52	45.11†	-0.04	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	89.64	95.36†	+0.050	2.52
Linked Charities	311.10	330.90	+0.200	2.24
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients. 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.71	27.79		7.19
Intl Bond	28.63	29.75		5.64
Income Funds				
High Income	25.89	27.19†	+0.05	5.67
Income Plus	126.50	134.60†	-0.40	4.28
Amer Eq Inc	62.76	66.49	-0.41	1.10
European Income	49.93	52.95	+0.21	2.52
Far East Inc	66.91	71.23	-0.10	1.34
Global Convertible	25.64	27.26	-0.09	3.56
Uk Div Gth	30.53	32.47	+0.06	2.23
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	69.71	74.36	-0.01	
American	316.30	335.50	-2.70	0.13
Amer Spec Sits	186.80	199.70	-1.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.35	40.99	-0.11	
European	225.90	240.20	-0.60	0.56
European Opps	80.63	85.65	-0.51	0.02
Global Prs	31.18	33.16	-0.10	0.34
UK Growth	120.70	128.40	-0.20	1.11
Growth & Inc	171.40	182.30†	+0.40	2.55
Intl PEP	46.81	49.79†	-0.02	0.97
Japan Spec Sits	96.82	102.90	-0.40	
Japan	189.30	201.30	-1.10	
Managed Intl	347.60	359.00	-1.10	0.51
Moneybuilder	67.69	71.98	-0.05	
Recovery	62.50	66.46	-0.07	1.62
South E Asia	183.60	195.90	+1.00	0.97
Special Sits	733.20	779.60	-1.50	0.59
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.85	114.85	+0.01	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	151.70	154.30		1.32
Inc Ptolio #	92.30	93.95†	+0.16	3.19
Cap Ptolio	162.20	164.90	+0.20	0.98
General Opps	139.00	140.70		3.92
Growth Inc	36.77	37.60	+0.13	0.93
Private Portfolio	498.10	507.70		1.05
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	153.60	162.50	+0.90	0.34
Emrg Asian	157.50	170.00	-1.29	
High Income	21.57	22.99	-0.02	4.85
UK Income	109.50	117.03	+0.10	4.76
US Smaller Cos	427.90	458.60	-0.60	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	79.11	84.25	-0.64	
-do- Accum	79.11	84.25	-0.64	
Amer Smlr Cos	703.20	752.10	-6.30	
-do- Accum	718.30	768.20	-6.50	
Capital Tst	384.50	419.70	+0.60	1.50
-do- Accum	576.30	613.10	+0.90	1.50
Conti Smlr Cos	63.16	67.29†		0.42
-do- Accum	67.04	71.43†		0.42
Convertible	140.50	149.50†	-0.20	5.86
-do- Accum	304.40	323.80†	-0.40	5.86
Emerging Markets	72.32	77.26	-0.16	0.30
-do- Accum	72.57	77.53	-0.17	0.30
European	151.40	160.50†	+0.50	0.45
-do- Accum	160.40	170.10†	+0.60	0.45
Extra Income	383.10	407.60	+4.10	4.10
-do- Accum	596.40	634.50	+6.50	4.10
Financial	165.30	175.90	-1.10	0.46
-do- Accum	175.70	186.90	-1.20	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.06	66.05	+0.07	6.79
-do- Accum	97.02	100.00	+0.06	6.79
Health Fund Inc	281.70	301.00	-2.80	
-do- Accum	281.70	301.00	-2.80	
Income & Growth	225.20	239.60†	+1.40	4.02
-do- Accum	356.80	379.60†	+2.20	4.02
Intl Growth	450.30	479.80	-2.10	
-do- Accum	500.10	532.70	-2.40	
Japan & Gen	184.20	195.60	-0.90	
-do- Accum	186.00	197.60	-0.90	
Monthly Inc #	181.50	203.70†	+0.20	4.38
Managed Port Inc	120.10	128.40	-2.30	1.42
-do- Accum	130.50	137.40	-2.30	1.42
Quarterly Income #	56.81	61.02†	+0.08	4.91
-do- Accum #	64.21	68.96†	+0.12	4.91
Recovery	378.80	405.10	-0.60	0.23
-do- Accum	447.10	478.20	-0.60	0.23
UK Growth	64.44	68.55†	+0.04	2.98
-do- Accum	69.88	74.34†	+0.05	2.98
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	60.62	64.48	-0.33	0.10
FP Asn Smlr Cos	208.90	223.40	-1.30	
FP Asian Growth	292.70	313.00†	+0.50	
FP Australian	401.10	430.30	-2.56	
FP Equity Dist	438.30	466.20	+0.10	2.54
-do- Accum	966.40	£10.28		2.54
FP Euro Gth	285.10	303.20	+0.20	
-do- Accum	311.80	331.70	+0.30	
FP Intl Bond	59.34	62.79	+0.03	4.45
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.86	41.47	-0.08	0.03
-do- Accum	56.74	60.55	-0.12	0.03
FP Pac Basin Acc	228.50	244.20	+0.20	
FP Income #	56.78	60.56†	-0.01	5.20
-do- Accum #	198.40	211.60	-0.10	5.20
FP Jap Smlr Cos	327.80	349.40	+0.60	
FP Monthly Dist #	74.75	79.13†	-0.11	5.78
FP Stlg Deposit	100.00	100.00†	+0.01	5.05
FP Tokyo	87.09	92.89	-0.51	
FP Uk Focus	41.13	44.10	-0.02	2.51
FP UK Growth	189.10	201.70†	-0.10	2.39
-do- Accum	381.10	406.50	-0.30	2.39
Stewardship Dist	426.50	453.70	-2.70	1.41
-do- Accum	534.70	568.80	-3.40	1.41
Stwdship Inc Dist #	83.51	88.83	-1.09	4.61
-do- Accum #	113.10	120.30	-1.50	4.61
N Am Stshp Dist	123.40	131.20†	-1.50	0.36
-do- Accum	132.60	141.00	-1.50	0.36
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	125.60	134.60	-0.50	1.80
Opan Cap Gth Acc	131.90	140.30	-0.30	0.14
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.80	126.30	-0.50	2.91
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	124.30	132.20	-0.40	2.91
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.70	128.40	-0.20	3.35
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	127.00	135.10	-0.20	3.35
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 108/7				
GANDIA	286.00	302.40		2.04
Cash	49.66	50.40		5.26
Growth Portfolio	91.82	97.11		0.84
Income Portfolio	71.16	75.25		4.09
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	233.00	249.20†	-2.00	1.26
Dividend	94.45	101.00	-0.40	4.91
Intl Gth & Inc	245.30	262.30†	+0.20	2.93
UK & Gen	48.87	52.27	+0.05	2.68
Fund of Funds	77.36	82.74	-0.16	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 628 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	265.80	284.30	-4.80	0.12
European Gth	735.70	785.20	-0.90	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.14	57.50	+0.21	4.94
-do- Accum	60.08	63.81	+0.23	4.94
Far East & Gen	277.20	296.50	-0.80	
German Growth	142.50	150.80	-0.10	
High Yield #	49.06	51.83	+0.07	8.08
-do- Accum #	53.12	56.13	+0.09	8.08
Income Inc	193.10	206.60	+0.50	4.13
-do- Accum	217.00	232.10	+0.50	4.13
International	309.40	325.90	-1.30	0.29
Intl Income	94.37	99.91†	-0.04	2.97
Japan Growth	455.10	483.20	-0.70	
Korean Securities	60.06	64.23	-0.50	
Orient Acc	187.10	200.10	+1.80	0.17
Uk General Inc	197.50	211.30	-0.30	0.90
UK General Acc	349.60	373.90	-0.50	0.90
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42		1.72
-do- Accum	59.40	63.53	-0.25	1.72
UK Spec Sits	105.10	112.40		1.15
US Growth	191.90	203.90		
Wwide Spec Sits	162.70	173.20†	+0.60	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	58.35	62.33	+0.04	1.83
Cash Trust	144.88	144.88	+0.02	5.22
Practical Inv Inc #	122.46	130.97	+0.01	3.67
-do- Accum #	288.81	308.89	+0.03	3.67
UK Index	174.40	175.28	+0.43	3.90
UK Smaller Cos	192.73	206.13	+0.32	0.56
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.44	25.33		7.86
High Income	33.66	36.15	+0.04	5.23
UK Equity Income	154.16	165.09	+0.41	3.06
Global Bond	29.45	30.50†	-0.03	5.24
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	48.83	52.22	+0.04	
Global Managed	152.97	162.63	-0.39	1.29
Gold & Intl Res	120.76	129.15†	+1.59	
Global Utilities	147.02	156.84†	+0.56	1.24
Overseas Funds				
American	202.15	214.68†	-1.91	1.02
European	136.34	144.64	+0.70	0.81
Euro Sel Opps	207.25	220.14	+0.66	
Amer Emerging	182.32	194.99	-2.80	
Hong Kong	161.93	173.07	+0.58	1.59
Japan	255.63	271.65	-2.07	
Pacific Growth	234.88	251.21†	+0.55	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	256.64	256.64†	+4.62	1.98
Long Term Bal	274.47	274.47†	+0.44	2.76
Med Term Bal	225.27	225.27†	+0.32	3.01
UK Equity	293.22	293.22	+0.85	2.53
UK Emerging Cos	180.83	180.83†	-0.15	1.85
American	319.86	319.86	-1.72	0.96
Japan	140.43	140.43	-0.74	
European	348.87	348.87	+2.08	0.94
Index Linked Gilt	180.67	180.67†	+0.15	2.71
Fixed Interest	171.46	171.46	+0.03	6.54
Amer Emergs	414.22	414.22	-4.95	
Pacific	250.07	250.07†	+0.22	0.80
Emerging Mkts	133.34	133.34	+0.09	0.40
Index Strat Japan	155.10	155.10	-0.59	0.10
-do- Pacific Rim	210.63	210.63	+0.20	1.22
-do- Cont Europe	188.90	188.90	+1.12	1.71
Index Strat USA	187.42	187.42	-0.90	1.70
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	120.86	128.57	+0.32	
Med Term Bal	107.27	114.11	+0.16	
Long Term Bal	123.37	131.24	+1.84	
UK Equity	136.06	144.74	+0.42	
UK Emerging Cos	84.71	90.11	-0.08	
American	147.98	157.42	+0.15	
Japan	67.08	71.36	-0.37	
European	144.72	153.95	+0.91	
Fixed Interest	87.99	93.60	+0.02	
Index Linked Gilt	80.30	85.42	-0.07	
Deposit	86.65	92.18	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	163.38	171.98	-0.26	0.49
Brckhl Gth Pon Inc	73.94	78.04	-0.16	0.80
-do- Inc Pon Inc	61.62	65.03	-0.28	3.50
-do- Wwide Pon	63.64	67.17†	-0.21	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Strg & Intl Inc	623.79	663.61	+2.22	1.01
-do- Accum	704.45	749.41	+2.50	1.01
European Inc	180.70	191.60	-0.69	0.83
Amalgam Inc	164.21	174.03		0.34
N America Inc	430.34	457.81	-2.65	
Far East Inc	401.68	427.32		0.10
-do- Accum	410.30	436.87		0.10
Uk Chtec Inc	219.69	233.71	-0.09	1.48
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Uk Equity Inc #	99.92	106.85†	+0.04	4.56
UK Small Cos	69.42	74.24	+1.15	0.62
British Growth	66.56	71.17†	+0.50	3.11
American Gwth	300.12	320.97	-2.58	
Japan Gwth	72.04	77.00	-0.36	
Greater China	200.42	214.35	-0.17	0.16
Pacific Strategy	166.02	177.55	-0.95	
European Gwth	118.05	126.25	+0.45	
Intl Growth	173.92	186.00	-0.56	
US Discovery	17.6661	18.6143	-0.0569	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	92.54	98.96	-0.08	2.15
Monthly Income	41.07	43.79†	+0.04	8.75
MGS Govt Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index	13.3799	14.1253	-0.1098	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	115.81	122.20		1.52
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 528 9668				
European	593.60	632.50†	-1.90	0.36
Gilt & Fixed	128.60	135.40	-0.10	5.60
Growth Equity	422.10	450.90	-0.30	1.23
Income Trust	145.60	152.40†	+0.10	4.36
International	215.20	229.90	-0.60	
Japan Trust	131.80	140.80	-1.30	
Nth American	364.20	389.10		2.40
Pacific	609.70	651.30		0.70
Guardhill	635.40	678.80	+0.20	1.26
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
Euro Trust	107.23	111.27	+0.36	5.36
Global High Inc	100.72	104.58	-0.01	6.30
Corporate Bond	102.37	106.80†	-0.07	7.20
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.85	113.61†	+0.15	5.28
European Growth	127.91	136.00	-0.37	
Intl PEP Trust	70.57	75.03	-0.31	
Equity Inc	132.34	140.71	+0.24	4.18
-do- Accum	192.30	204.47	+0.36	4.18
Reserves	397.30	422.40	-0.80	1.97
-do- Accum	460.70	489.30	-1.10	1.97
Strategic High Inc	128.25	130.27	+0.30	7.50
UK Emerg Cos	318.20	338.40	-0.30	2.16
UK Smr Cos	429.60	437.10†	-0.10	2.26
Glob Priv Tst	116.61	124.05	-0.23	1.42
-do- Accum	119.17	126.71	+0.24	1.42
Inc Share Tst	86.98	92.48	+0.10	9.44
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Growth	32.41	34.36	-0.12	1.96
Growth Acc	33.11	35.11	-0.12	1.96
Income	33.86	35.72†	-0.08	4.31
Income Acc	32.66	34.63	-0.09	4.31
Accumulation Tst	24.47	26.47	-0.07	3.09
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Performer	95.44	102.80†	-0.10	6.46
Model Ptolio	235.80	248.00	-0.30	2.13
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries 0645 494949 Dealing 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	367.05	392.74	0.30	0.32
Best of British	71.47	75.97	-0.04	2.52
UK Smaller Cos	157.69	169.51	-0.12	1.17
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	298.73	318.13†	-0.37	3.38
-do- Accum #	547.15	586.66	-1.03	3.38
High Income	337.51	361.22	-0.25	4.63
Extra Income #	287.76	306.03†	-0.83	5.91
Pref & Bond	49.17	49.78	-0.77	8.30
International				
Ethical	125.01	133.09	0.21	1.97
International	330.32	351.52	-0.38	
Global Bond	55.63	58.56†	-0.05	5.77
2nd Pref Tst	99.97	106.91†	-0.20	0.32
Global Tech	245.20	263.37	-2.47	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	199.30	213.13†	+0.14	0.16
European	621.95	659.06	+4.48	1.64
Europe Income #	94.06	99.65	+0.49	3.27

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	192.89	205.98	+0.91	2.07
European Value	95.80	101.93	+0.44	1.24
-do- Accum	102.85	109.66	+0.47	1.24
Japan Trust	241.86	257.20	-1.01	
Japan Smlr Cos	253.07	269.73	-1.04	
Pacific Smlr Cos	255.63	272.34	-0.95	
North American	313.76	332.86†	-1.81	
American Smaller	185.35	198.00	-1.34	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	157.60	165.99		4.97
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	118.25	123.82	+0.31	2.82
Capital	203.92	213.53	+0.26	1.26
Dollar	505.42	529.23	-4.92	
Enterprise Gth	436.69	457.26	-0.15	1.18
European	283.56	298.92†	+1.14	0.35
Far East	332.84	348.52	-0.20	
Financial	984.25	£10.30	+3.08	1.92
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.21	27.25	-0.01	7.36
High Yield	106.14	111.14†	+0.43	4.05
Income & Growth	156.12	163.48	+0.66	3.25
International	303.18	317.47	+0.10	
Japanese General	225.65	236.28	-0.30	
Japan Tech	98.20	102.94	-0.07	
Nat Resources	89.03	93.23	-0.16	
Portfolio	86.96	91.86	+0.02	1.25
Special Sits	209.88	219.77	+0.65	
Uk Emerging Cos	131.04	137.22	+0.14	0.64
US Smaller Cos	160.91	168.49†	-0.55	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	629.50	662.60	+1.60	5.40
Capital	704.60	752.00	+3.00	2.40
High Income #	111.30	118.80†	+0.10	6.39
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	612.50	648.30	-2.00	0.35
European Gwth	146.90	156.30	+0.70	0.01
Japan Gwth	296.20	315.70	-1.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	37.65	40.41	-0.08	
Asian	66.27	70.73	+0.16	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	88.82	94.79	-0.04	
Hong Kong Gwth	134.80	143.80	+1.50	1.12
Global Bond	22.00	23.23†	+0.01	5.41
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	160.60	161.60†	+0.30	3.63
Trddle Index	130.40	133.80	-0.10	2.03
THE FOOTSIE FUND	61.74	62.05†	+0.19	3.07
Index Funds-International				
American Index	278.50	279.90	-1.10	1.06
Eurotrack 100	198.10	199.10	+1.20	1.32
Japan Index	82.80	83.22	-0.35	0.07
Tiger Index	218.80	219.90	-0.70	0.41
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.27	52.26	..	0.38
General Funds				
Managed Dist	90.25	93.81†	+0.12	1.13
Managed	92.71	96.37†	+0.11	1.13
Rupert Child Fnd	97.74	101.60†	+0.28	2.10
UK Growth	68.92	71.64†	+0.09	1.76
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	87.22	90.67	+0.09	6.43
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.57	27.41†	+0.05	8.24
UK Inc & Gwth	46.24	48.07†	-0.21	3.15
UK Income #	363.98	378.39†	+0.80	4.63
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	62.43	64.75	-0.43	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	169.30	176.00†	-2.70	
-do- Accum	171.10	177.90†	-2.70	
Europa Gth	240.80	249.80	+1.30	
-do- Accum	249.50	259.80	+1.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	46.77	48.62	+0.20	
French Growth	100.10	104.10	+1.00	0.33
-do- Accum	108.20	112.50	+1.10	0.33
H Kong & China	95.22	98.98	+0.75	1.40
Intl Growth	68.90	71.62	+0.08	0.11
-do- Accum	69.87	72.63	+0.09	0.11
Japan Gth	34.10	35.45†	-0.12	
-do- Accum	34.10	35.45†	-0.12	
Japan Smaller Cos	42.81	44.50	-0.15	
Glob Emg Mkts	102.70	106.80†	+0.40	
-do- Accum	103.50	107.60†	+0.40	
SE Asia	358.10	372.20	+0.60	0.18
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.05	54.68†	+0.04	5.27
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	98.21	103.70		3.95
Sector Value Gwth	99.18	104.80	-0.10	2.24
Hy 5 Europe	96.81	101.80†	+0.50	2.87
Slater Gwth	154.90	163.50	+1.50	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	225.50	239.80	-3.70	
Income #	208.51	221.82†	+0.10	4.35
UK Growth	84.85	90.27†		1.90
Intl Growth	92.29	98.17	+0.24	0.43
Ecology	104.33	110.98	-1.08	0.97
European	202.08	214.98†	+1.29	
Far Eastern	322.10	342.60	-0.90	
UK Special Sits	48.22	51.42	-0.09	

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Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99.14	102.60†		7.40
Gilt Yield	117.50	123.90†	+0.20	6.83
Global Income	233.80	248.70	+0.90	3.58
High Yield	149.10	158.60†	+0.50	5.65
-do- Accum	485.30	516.30†	+1.80	5.65
Smlr Cos Div	62.20	66.17	-0.53	3.25
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	157.00	167.00	-0.10	
Asian Growth	354.40	377.00	+0.60	0.22
-do- Accum	416.50	443.10	+0.90	0.22
North American	109.20	116.20	-0.11	0.23
European Special	126.30	134.40†	+0.70	1.24
European	182.50	194.10†	+1.10	0.46
-do- Accum	241.50	256.90†	+1.60	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	120.80	128.20	+0.30	1.99
Japan	432.40	460.00	-0.50	
Japanese Special	248.20	264.00	-0.10	
Smaller Cos	144.20	153.40†	-0.20	1.06
UK Equity Growth	51.89	55.20	+0.60	1.86
UK Index Inc	323.40	325.00	-1.60	3.44
Boctum Tst	108.90	117.10	-0.60	1.96
-do- Accum	109.40	117.60	-0.60	1.96
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Budge Income	294.41	313.20	+0.37	4.94
Inc & Growth Inc	63.58	67.64†	+0.21	4.04
Smaller Cos	88.47	94.12	+0.09	1.14
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	297.00	305.30†	-0.70	1.76
High Income	110.00	117.00†	-0.40	4.44
International	117.60	125.10	-0.10	0.48
European Trust	88.57	94.22	+0.57	0.81
Japanese Trust	44.01	46.91	-0.26	
American Trust	118.10	125.60	0.80	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	448.00	475.30	+0.50	2.35
UK Inc/Gth	464.40	492.70	+0.70	3.95
UK Income	326.50	346.40	+0.70	5.25
UK Sm Cos	312.20	333.90	-0.90	1.52
Euro Gwth	166.80	176.80	+0.60	0.45
N Amer Gwth	122.30	129.70	-0.97	
Japan Growth	67.47	71.59	-0.33	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	563.20	599.20	-1.20	2.62
-do- Accum	£11.47	£12.20	+2.00	2.62
Equity Income #	104.30	111.00	+0.20	4.69
UK Tactical Allocn	63.34	67.27†	+0.33	4.36
European	145.60	154.90	+0.60	1.03
Far Eastern	241.60	257.00	+0.20	
Fixed Interest	53.05	56.43†	-0.04	7.05
Gilt	89.94	95.28	+0.11	6.40
Global Growth	86.58	92.11†	-0.04	0.39
Intl Bond	53.97	57.24	-0.04	5.12
Japanese	77.95	82.93	-0.40	
North American	214.20	227.90	-0.80	0.60
Pacific Growth	125.10	133.10	+0.90	0.02
UK Index	74.16	77.87	+0.16	3.12
UK Recovery	115.10	122.90	+0.20	1.97
UK Smaller Cos	163.70	174.20†	-0.40	1.03
US Index	82.38	86.94†	-0.44	1.33
European Index	92.35	97.47	+0.53	1.62
Japan Index	42.37	44.72†	-0.18	
Worldwide	99.17	105.50†	-0.10	1.33
LINCOLN FUND MGRS 01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	53.77	57.50†	+0.24	2.14
Income	62.46	66.80†	+0.28	3.02
Far East	58.79	62.87	-0.11	0.07
North American	135.40	144.70		1.00
Global	113.10	120.90	-0.30	0.18
European	99.23	105.90	-0.90	0.61
Japan	110.00	117.50	-0.50	
Intl Currency Bd	58.01	63.60		4.39
SE Asia	116.00	124.00	+0.10	0.46
UK Cap Growth	100.20	107.10	+0.30	1.84
Recovery Trust	91.67	97.52	+0.41	1.14
Managed	78.60	83.61	+0.04	0.56
Cash	50.80	50.80	+0.01	4.43
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	392.80	417.90	-0.30	2.46
-do- Accum	928.80	988.10	-0.30	2.46
Conti Euro Gth	84.50	89.95	+1.27	0.51
-do- Accum	90.93	95.72	+1.36	0.51
Extra Inc	274.20	291.90	-0.30	4.13
-do- Accum	750.90	798.90	+0.90	4.13
FTSE 100 Inc	116.50	124.00	+0.10	2.69
FTSE 100 Acc	119.60	126.70	+0.10	2.69
German Gth	126.40	133.60	+0.20	
-do- Accum	143.00	150.60	+0.20	
Growth Port	662.10	704.40	-0.20	
-do- Accum	681.60	725.40	-0.20	
High Interest Inc	96.12	96.61†	-0.08	7.99
High Interest Acc	100.20	103.90	-0.10	7.99
Hi Reserve Inc #	103.90	110.60†		6.39
Hi Reserve Acc #	111.20	118.40		6.39
Income	533.90	568.00	+0.60	3.28
-do- Accum	£15.04	£16.00	+2.00	3.28
Income Port	543.40	578.10	-0.10	4.50
-do- Accum	603.20	641.80		4.50
Japan Growth	113.70	121.80	-2.10	
-do- Accum	114.10	121.40	-2.10	
Master Trust	67.48	71.77†		1.25
-do- Accum	77.90	82.88		1.25
Millennium Acc	90.82	96.73		2.40
N American Gen	246.20	262.00	-2.00	
-do- Accum	284.70	302.90	-2.40	
NAm Sm Co Rec	210.50	224.00	-2.60	
-do- Accum	214.90	228.70	-2.60	
Pacific Basin	278.00	295.80	-1.03	0.14
-do- Accum	296.10	315.00	+0.90	0.14
Small Cos Rec	522.50	550.00	+0.50	1.59
-do- Accum	716.00	753.70	+0.60	1.59
UK Eq Gth	159.80	170.00	..	2.85
UK Eq Inc	124.30	132.30		4.05
UK Growth	101.00	107.50†	-1.10	2.07
-do- Accum	126.70	134.80	-1.50	2.07
Worldwide Gth	367.70	391.20	-0.40	
-do- Accum	543.40	578.10	-0.70	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	86.42	92.53†	-0.43	0.40
General	103.47	111.02	+0.04	2.80
Income	71.22	76.41	+0.12	5.40
International	75.95	81.49†	-0.15	0.40
Japan	62.00	66.52	-0.35	
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.53	82.11	+0.12	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svce/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	524.20	553.70	-2.00	0.34
-do- Accum	655.10	692.00	-2.40	0.34
Amer Recovery	575.20	608.30	-3.00	0.27
-do- Accum	663.50	701.70	-3.40	0.27
Amer Smlr Cos	171.00	180.80	-2.00	
-do- Accum	174.70	184.70	-2.10	
Australasian	202.00	213.60	-0.20	2.42
-do- Accum	251.80	266.20	-0.30	2.42
Capital	989.80	1046.70	+1.20	2.79
-do- Accum	1169.30	1233.30	+1.40	2.79
Charifund	728.10	735.40	+1.30	6.05
-do- Accum	3673.50	3710.30	+6.60	6.05
Commodity	488.20	516.30	-2.40	0.36
-do- Accum	719.50	761.30	-3.60	0.36
Compound Gth	1070.30	1131.80	+2.60	2.97
-do- Accum	1167.60	1234.60	+2.70	2.97
Corporate Bond	24.77	24.88†	+0.03	7.80
Dividend	43.20	45.70		4.60
-do- Accum	191.20	202.50	+0.20	4.60
Equity Income	350.90	371.10	-0.40	5.05
-do- Accum	475.20	502.60	-0.60	5.05
Euro & General	643.80	680.80†	+0.70	0.88
-do- Accum	826.90	874.30†	+0.90	0.88
Euro Dividend	82.40	87.10	+0.10	3.52
-do- Accum	102.40	108.30	+0.10	3.52
Extra Yield	448.90	474.70	+0.80	5.16
-do- Accum	1478.40	1563.30	+2.40	5.16
Far Eastern	389.60	412.00	-0.50	0.85
-do- Accum	519.80	549.60	-0.60	0.85
Fund of Inv Tsts	694.40	734.30†	+0.50	1.87
-do- Accum	1332.70	1409.30†	+0.90	1.87
General	66.30	70.10†	+0.10	3.92
-do- Accum	195.40	206.50†	+0.30	3.92
Gilt Income	60.38	60.47	+0.03	7.39
-do- Accum	180.29	180.56	+0.08	7.39
Gold	83.00	87.80	-0.90	1.58
-do- Accum	98.60	104.30	-1.00	1.58
High Income	31.60	33.40†	+0.10	4.87
-do- Accum	135.00	142.80†	+0.30	4.87
Intl Growth	93.30	98.70	-0.10	0.59
-do- Accum	164.20	173.60	-0.10	0.59
International Inc	110.10	116.40	-0.10	4.52
-do- Accum	172.40	182.30	-0.10	4.52
Japan & Gen	43.60	46.00	-0.20	
-do- Accum	46.89	49.40	-0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	158.20	167.30	-0.60	
-do- Accum	159.30	168.40	-0.70	
Managed Gwth	27.50	29.00		1.66
Managed Income	29.40	30.90†	-0.10	4.30
Midland	64.20	67.80	-0.80	3.28
-do- Accum	222.50	235.70	-2.50	3.28
Pension Ex	1049.30	1075.60	+2.50	4.36
Recovery	47.60	50.30†		2.72
-do- Accum	81.90	86.60†	+0.10	2.72
Second General	74.60	78.90†	-0.20	3.89
-do- Accum	202.30	214.00†	-0.50	3.89
Smaller Cos	75.20	79.50	+0.10	3.09
-do- Accum	154.00	162.90	+0.20	3.09
Treasury	25.11	25.15†		5.64
Trustee	43.00	45.50	-0.10	4.80
-do- Accum	182.60	193.50	-0.50	4.80
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	100.39	106.79	+0.60	1.66
Intl Bond	64.09	67.33	+0.05	5.36
Intl Equity Growth	87.26	92.71	+0.01	0.84
N Amer Growth	135.87	144.38	+0.76	0.75
Special Sits Growth	26.84	28.55	-0.02	1.90
UK Growth	446.33	474.81		2.60
-do- Accum	605.61	644.25	+0.01	2.60
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825667				
Balanced Fd #	1481.70	1503.80†		2.90
Income #	1019.20	1034.80		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	163.10	166.50†	..	3.62
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptolio	174.70	180.20†	+0.40	2.57
-do- Accum	207.40	213.80†	+0.40	2.57
UK Sel Ptolio	152.20	156.90†	+0.50	2.57
-do- Accum	183.50	189.20†	+0.60	2.57
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.15	76.76	-0.21	3.70
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4846				
Intl Income	80.54	85.50†	-0.16	3.99
European	106.10	112.60	+0.30	0.43
Income #	80.88	85.86	-0.14	4.27
Nth American	93.85	99.63†	-0.21	0.27
Far East	185.60	197.00†	-0.80	0.37
Japan	66.24	70.32	-0.10	
Emging Mkts	91.75	98.13	-0.42	
Intl Growth	132.60	140.80	-0.20	0.80
UK Growth	121.30	128.80	-0.10	2.45
UK Smlr Co	62.61	66.47	-0.22	1.01
Asian Opps Fd	39.90	42.67†	-0.09	0.29
Glob Gwth PEP	62.49	66.33	-0.10	1.22
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	106.00	112.80	-0.20	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	450.09	478.82	+0.79	4.62
Global Inc	74.85	79.63	+0.24	3.93
Bst Leaders	386.89	411.59	+0.60	3.49
Intl Leaders	231.13	245.88	-0.45	1.51
PAM Mly Bal Gth	72.13	74.94	-0.11	0.61
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	266.10	280.90	-1.80	
-do- Accum	284.60	300.40	-1.80	
American Opps	134.80	143.80	-0.50	
-do- Accum	136.50	145.60	-0.60	
British Blue Chip	92.51	98.29	+0.130	2.45
-do- Accum	117.80	125.10	+0.200	2.45
Cash	101.00	101.00		5.52
-do- Accum	148.70	148.70		5.52
Emerging Mkts	133.60	143.70†	+0.200	0.10
-do- Accum	135.10	145.30†	+0.300	0.10
European Growth	326.10	345.90	+0.700	0.13
-do- Accum	353.90	375.30	+0.700	0.13
European Income	92.48	97.84†	+0.050	2.93
-do- Accum	132.50	140.10†	+0.100	2.93
General	585.70	623.30	+0.100	1.99
-do- Accum	1191.00	1267.00		1.99
Global Bond	132.80	139.50		6.19
-do- Accum	171.10	179.70		6.19
Gold & General	250.60	268.80†	+1.400	0.33
-do- Accum	258.30	278.10†	+1.300	0.33
Govt Securities	91.85	94.69†	+0.070	6.32
-do- Accum	182.60	188.40†	+0.100	6.32
High Yield Bd	99.03	101.50†		7.41
-do- Accum	103.70	106.30†		7.41
Income	179.40	190.40	+0.100	4.16
-do- Accum	295.30	313.60	+0.200	4.16
Inc Portfolio #	109.70	116.20†	+0.100	4.93
-do- Accum #	118.60	125.50†	+0.100	4.93
Intl Opps	585.30	624.20†	-1.60	0.14
-do- Accum	780.70	842.30†	-2.10	0.14
Japan	183.50	195.70	-1.20	
-do- Accum	188.40	200.80	-1.40	
New Europe	235.70	251.40	+0.200	0.80
-do- Accum	245.30	261.70	+0.400	0.80
Pacific	124.70	133.00†	-0.20	0.77
-do- Accum	134.40	143.40†	-0.20	0.77
Recovery	426.80	455.30	+0.300	0.57
-do- Accum	560.00	597.30	+0.200	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	67.08	71.55		0.72
-do- Accum	76.71	81.82	+0.010	0.72
Portfolio	92.40	98.07	+0.020	2.36
-do- Accum	112.80	119.70		2.36
Managed Gth	120.40	126.00†		1.02
Managed Inc	116.80	121.20†	+0.100	2.08
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	155.66	165.60	+0.43	0.14
Portfolio	78.16	83.15†	+0.06	1.44
UK Income Inc	88.33	93.97	-0.01	4.63
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	68.01	71.21	+0.05	2.68
-do- Accum	74.48	77.98	+0.08	2.68
British Tst	101.60	106.40	+0.48	2.38
-do- Accum	121.60	127.30	+0.50	2.38
Corp Bond Inc	99.20	102.80		6.89
-do- Accum	99.98	103.60		6.89
Extra High Inc	68.53	71.76†	+0.01	7.38
-do- Accum	144.60	151.40†		7.38
FT-SE 100 Acc	65.33	68.40†	+0.21	3.19
FT-SE 100 Dist	61.84	64.54†	+0.20	3.19
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.34	57.58†	+0.06	6.63
-do- Accum	173.90	180.98†	+0.20	6.63
High Yield	228.80	239.60	+0.20	7.20
-do- Accum	620.60	649.80	+0.60	7.20
Income	310.80	325.40	+0.80	4.89
-do- Accum	711.30	744.80	+1.90	4.89
Money Market UT	49.51	49.51	+0.01	4.61
-do- Accum	82.12	82.12	+0.02	4.61
Monthly Income	90.21	94.46†	+0.14	5.13
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	128.10	134.20†	+0.60	1.46
European Growth	132.60	140.50†		0.01
Gilt & Fixed	96.52	102.40†	+0.10	5.42
Income	97.46	103.70†	-0.20	2.46
Japan Growth	55.51	58.84†	-0.49	
Managed	81.23	86.42†	+0.07	2.03
Money Market	93.40	99.00†	-0.03	4.06
North American	111.00	117.70†	-0.30	0.38
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	114.70	122.00†	+0.40	1.45
European Growth	124.60	132.00†		0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.20	96.72†	+0.10	5.43
Income	95.60	101.70†	+0.20	2.52
Japan Growth	55.22	58.53†	-0.48	
Managed	77.60	82.58†	+0.07	2.01
Money Market	86.13	91.30†	+0.03	4.02
North American	100.20	106.20†	-0.30	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	114.00	121.30†	+0.50	1.45
European Growth	121.90	129.20†		
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.58	88.64†	+0.09	5.57
Income	83.31	89.27†	+0.26	2.57
Japan Growth	56.46	59.84†	-0.50	
Managed	80.34	85.47†	+0.06	2.03
Money Market	79.70	84.48†	+0.02	4.12
North American	112.30	119.00†	-0.40	0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.96	16.97		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	466.60	495.90†	-3.90	
European Gth Inc	619.80	662.80†	-0.60	
-do- Accum	626.50	670.00†	-0.60	
Intl Gwth	233.90	248.50	-0.50	
UK Equity Inc	214.80	228.50	+0.70	3.68
-do- Accum	288.00	306.40	+0.90	3.66
UK Ind Trckr Inc	187.80	200.50	+0.50	2.50
-do- Accum	228.83	243.80	+0.10	2.50
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	274.70	290.80	-1.20	0.82
Japan Tracker	78.31	82.59†		
Asian Tracker	232.70	251.80	+0.40	0.14
Managed Inc	186.90	199.30†	+0.20	1.98
Managed Acc	204.00	217.60†	+0.20	1.98
Discount Inc	100.21	100.21	-0.05	5.22
Europa	306.70	328.90	+0.60	
Genesis	217.60	234.40	-0.20	2.39
High Income	20.60	21.85†	+0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	107.30	109.80		2.14
Acumen Inc	98.33	100.60		2.14
Acumen Reserve	92.59	93.52	-0.10	7.74
-do- Inc	73.58	74.32	-0.08	7.74
American Growth	72.11	73.86	+0.27	
Equity Income #	100.70	103.40†		4.72
European	83.71	85.40	+0.47	0.50
Smaller Cos	94.86	99.26†	+0.14	1.06
W'wide Eqty	79.58	81.34	+0.06	0.06
Global Bond	44.59	45.08†	+0.02	5.94
UK Growth	110.00	113.00	-0.10	1.71
Pacific Growth	120.80	127.50		0.50
Japan Growth	105.80	107.50	-0.80	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	141.64	150.68†	+0.36	2.39
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	87.67	93.26	+0.71	2.44
UK Income	120.32	128.00†	+0.26	4.28
Higher Income	231.35	246.11†	-0.13	4.45
Smaller Cos	109.15	116.11	-0.10	1.38
International	111.60	118.72	+0.29	1.30
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	134.80	143.30†	-0.10	0.10
European Dist	150.10	159.70	+0.80	0.30
Far East Dist	208.80	222.10		
Global Care Dist	87.51	93.10†	-0.32	0.36
Oseas Dist	1227.10	1305.40	+1.60	
-do- Accum	1592.60	1694.30	+2.10	
UK Dist	409.80	436.00	+1.10	2.13
-do- Accum	832.50	885.60	+2.00	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	93.27	99.22	+0.20	2.90
Wwide Dist	127.50	135.60	+0.10	
Wwide Inc Dist	89.40	95.11	+0.15	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	78.14	82.47	+0.54	0.75
Fund of Funds Inc	69.79	73.66	+0.05	1.71
North America Inc	68.55	72.35	-0.15	0.37
UK Equity Gth Inc	67.22	70.94	+0.06	2.75
-do- Accum	72.35	76.36	+0.06	2.75
UK General Inc	66.64	70.33	+0.37	2.83
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.94	50.50†	-0.03	6.61
UK Income Inc	64.49	68.06	-0.12	4.26
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	54.65	58.14	-0.15	
-do- Accum	55.08	58.59	-0.15	
Bond	123.34	130.87†	+0.07	5.81
Cash Income	50.29	50.29		5.47
-do- Accum	68.37	68.37	+0.01	5.47
Distribution	100.05	106.43†	+0.31	3.02
European	56.61	60.22†	+0.23	
Foundation	107.08	113.91	+0.27	2.78
General	217.56	231.44†	+0.37	1.47
Global	386.63	411.30	+0.35	
Growth Inc	141.36	151.02	+0.27	2.47
Growth Acc	143.89	153.07	+0.27	2.47
Higher Income Inc	30.44	32.38	+0.11	4.91
-do- Accum	36.40	38.72	+0.13	4.91
Income	256.08	272.42†	+0.28	3.53
Interest	145.38	151.44		1.83
Japan	28.99	30.84	-0.11	
Oriental Inc	164.10	174.57	+0.41	0.72
-do- Accum	169.33	180.13	+0.43	0.72
Pers Int Gwth	37.49	39.88	+0.04	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
High Income #	46.02	48.78†	-0.06	7.38
Managed	112.40	118.90		2.47
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	142.23	149.72	-0.02	1.00
UK Equity	163.21	171.80	+0.31	2.95
UK Equity Income	145.41	153.06†	+0.31	3.47
UK Smaller Cos	139.76	147.12†	-0.14	1.56
UK Equity Growth	150.71	158.64	+0.04	1.04
UK Index Trckg	165.28	174.44	-1.61	3.47
Intl Index Trckg	175.08	184.78	-0.36	0.90
International	282.94	297.83	+0.11	0.55
European	254.49	267.88	+0.82	0.27
Pan European	167.87	176.70†	+0.37	1.53
Nth American	239.17	251.76	-0.05	0.10
N Amer Smlr Cos	245.45	258.37†	-0.51	
Japanese	100.58	105.87†	-0.43	
Pacific	255.60	269.05†	-0.34	0.42
South East Asian	291.42	306.76	+0.31	0.62
Intl Bond	137.34	144.57	+0.23	4.21
Gilt & Convertible	106.59	112.20†	+0.15	5.42
Property	81.34	85.62†	+0.06	5.71
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	384.90	391.40	+0.60	0.14
-do- Accum	387.60	415.60	+0.50	0.14
Japan Inc	120.30	128.30	-0.60	
Nth American Inc	133.60	142.10	-0.70	0.82
Worldwide Inc	182.60	195.90		0.15
Hong Kong Inc	170.90	183.40	+1.40	1.23
Swiss Equities Inc	91.39	97.72	+0.54	
Wwide Bond Inc	68.64	70.53	+0.08	5.56
Emging Asia Inc	215.30	234.70	-0.60	
-do- Accum	216.10	235.60	-0.60	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.39	50.39	+0.01	5.88
Thailand Inc	168.50	184.60	+0.10	1.23
New Zealand Inc	95.35	102.40	+0.10	3.02
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	72.12	77.32	+0.23	1.27
Latin Am Cmp Inc	67.76	72.78	+0.08	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	67.94	69.05	+0.16	2.83
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	91.32	97.67	-0.26	
Global Portfolio	82.16	87.87†	-0.15	
Global Opps	71.88	76.88	-0.07	
Mrch Global Gth	70.82	74.89	+0.01	
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	102.40	109.80	+0.30	
Temple Equity Inc	46.25	50.28†	-0.03	4.17
Hartley Growth	112.00	119.10	-0.28	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	90.73	97.04	+0.22	0.82
IPS Portfolio Inc	94.77	101.40	-1.20	
Premier Perfms Inc	71.22	76.17†	-0.08	1.39
Roxburgh Strat Gth	81.44	87.10	-0.08	0.28
International Strat	87.78	93.88	-0.06	
UFC Ind-Act Gth	63.85	68.29	-0.17	
Chatfield Port of Fds	57.33	62.19†	-0.03	
Chatfield Sec	127.70	139.30†	-0.20	
Lowes Intl Growth	53.46	58.43	-0.41	
PM UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	243.90	259.50	-1.10	1.19
European Gth	129.60	137.70	+0.90	0.65
Income & Gth #	158.20	168.30	+0.10	2.85
Japan Gth	118.20	125.70	-0.80	
Nth Amer Gth	214.40	228.10	-1.50	
Overseas Gth	125.30	133.30	-0.10	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	269.50	286.70†	+0.30	2.60
-do- Accum	589.80	627.40	+0.50	2.60
Growth	177.40	186.70	+0.10	2.83
Income	261.30	277.90	-3.70	3.63
Intl Equity	292.50	311.10	-0.30	0.66
-do- Accum	325.70	346.40	-0.10	0.66
UK Income	71.92	76.51†		3.21
US Intr 25	91.86	97.72	+0.06	2.11
New Europe	103.90	110.40	+0.30	0.10
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	702.31	750.25	+1.45	0.36
-do- Accum	705.06	753.20	+1.46	0.36
Income	421.02	450.79	+2.29	3.33
Wwide Recovery	468.25	500.81	+0.96	0.49
Amer Growth Inc	318.12	338.47	-1.12	0.01
-do- Accum	318.12	338.47	-1.12	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	304.25	325.41	+0.16	0.01
Far Estn Gth Inc	316.33	338.22	-0.05	0.74
-do- Accum	317.38	339.45	-0.05	0.74
Euro Gwth Inc	181.18	193.23	+0.32	0.12
-do- Accum	181.81	193.90	+0.32	0.12
UK Growth Inc	111.51	119.27	+0.78	2.73
-do- Accum	119.76	128.08	+0.83	2.73
High Income	109.49	117.11†	+0.65	3.88
Jap Gwth Inc	222.06	237.04	-1.01	0.41
-do- Accum	222.06	237.04	-1.01	0.41
PEP Growth	147.10	157.18	+0.32	0.81
Asian Str Mkts Inc	143.33	153.30	+0.81	0.24
-do- Accum	143.87	153.86	+0.81	0.24
Amer Smlr Co Inc	208.46	222.96	-0.68	0.01
-do- Accum	208.46	222.96	-0.66	0.01
Global Bond	56.46	59.48	+0.13	4.90
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.01	117.66†	-0.21	1.38
-do- Accum	117.22	125.37	+0.23	1.38
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0181 201 3827				
American	142.58	151.68	-0.08	
European	95.96	102.09	-0.34	
Global	73.46	78.15†	-0.18	
Pacific	66.17	70.38	-0.22	
UK Inc & Grth	80.05	85.16	-0.07	2.00
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Emerg Mkts	51.13	54.11	-0.15	0.86
Fund of Funds Inc	196.86	208.32†	-0.38	0.57
Fund of Funds Acc	198.24	209.78†	-0.39	0.57
High Income #	53.79	56.92†	-0.04	5.71
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	174.09	185.21	+0.63	1.88
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	122.20	130.00	-0.10	2.97
Conv & Gilt	119.80	127.40	-0.30	5.53
European Income	88.85	94.52	+0.04	2.97
Extra Income	179.80	191.30		4.70
-do- Accum	232.00	246.90		4.70
Far East	447.50	476.10	-0.60	
-do- Accum	456.90	486.10	-0.60	
Global Income	28.95	30.79		6.13
High Income	135.80	144.50		4.45
-do- Accum	171.30	182.20	-0.10	4.45
International	224.60	238.90	-0.70	0.51
-do- Accum	232.70	247.50	-0.70	0.51
Pref & Fxd Int	43.75	46.55	+0.09	7.47
Recovery	88.60	94.46	+0.05	2.17
Special Sits	145.60	154.90	-3.00	1.49
-do- Accum	161.30	171.60	-3.40	1.49
Technology	179.20	190.60	-2.60	
UK Blue Chip	85.93	91.31	+0.21	3.16
-do- Accum	98.63	104.90	+0.20	3.16
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.15	47.82	+0.06	1.71
Cash Haven Inc	101.43	101.31†	-0.01	5.04
Cash Haven Acc	117.75	118.33†	+0.01	5.04
Dist Trust Inc	106.25	109.07	+0.12	6.36
Dist Trust Acc	116.51	120.74	+0.13	6.36
Global Growth	105.85	112.61	+0.15	1.40
Equity Inc	88.90	94.57†	+0.09	4.62
Equity	853.69	908.18	+1.62	2.40
European	271.28	281.12†	+1.10	0.76
High Income	90.50	96.28†	+0.15	5.43
Intl Gwth	226.72	241.19	-0.25	0.71
Intl Sm Co	98.54	104.83	-0.14	0.64
Japanese	230.65	239.22	-1.18	
Nth Amer	240.05	248.75†	-0.54	1.24
Pacific Mkts	121.84	126.26	+0.24	0.67
Premier Inc	48.42	50.39	+0.04	6.55
Sm Cos	113.55	120.80	-1.62	1.67
Spec Sits	124.18	132.11†	+0.25	2.67
UK Growth	144.42	153.64	+0.35	2.32
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	82.54	86.79	+0.01	3.84
Investment Trust	114.52	120.42	-0.03	
UK Smaller Cos	112.51	118.31†	-0.48	1.15
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	329.20	349.20		3.29
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	675.99	717.97	-3.37	0.11
FA America (Acc)	790.58	839.67	-3.94	0.11
FA UK Equity Inc	178.06	190.32	+0.34	
FA Japan	250.02	266.01	-1.91	
FA Major UK Cos	112.21	119.62†	+0.07	2.01
FA Smlr UK Cos	399.48	434.45	-0.96	0.83
FA European	421.91	447.02	+1.22	0.47
FA Amer Smlr Cos	60.34	64.51	-0.27	
FA Asia	58.08	62.18	+0.30	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	46.64	49.60	-0.10	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	119.02	125.28	+0.08	
UK Smlr Cos	117.82	124.01	-0.29	
UK Income	116.62	122.75	+0.22	
America	136.39	143.56	-0.67	
Japanese	55.38	58.29	-0.41	
European	136.01	143.16	+0.39	
Gilt	97.80	102.94	+0.02	
Deposit	89.30	94.00	-0.01	
Managed	116.46	122.58	+0.01	
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	115.69	121.77	+0.07	
UK Smaller Cos	114.86	120.90	-0.27	
UK Income	114.04	120.03	+0.21	
America	132.49	139.45	-0.67	
Japanese	53.80	56.62	-0.40	
European	132.27	139.22	+0.38	
Gilt	95.36	100.37	+0.03	
Deposit	85.50	90.00	+0.02	
Managed	108.94	114.66	-0.02	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	120.60	128.50	-0.50	0.24
Pacific Basin	85.08	91.23	-0.08	0.25
High Inc Dist	151.20	161.60	-0.50	4.08
Ryl Life Intl Clrny	64.82	68.50	-0.06	4.03
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	80.12	85.39†	-0.32	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	75.97	80.81	+0.01	
UK Emerging Cos	153.40	165.80†	-0.30	0.93
UK Index Trckg	191.30	203.40	-0.50	1.54
European	171.30	184.00	+0.10	0.25
Managed	181.20	194.80	-0.40	1.01
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	199.60	212.38	-0.80	1.54
European Growth	140.60	149.10	-0.20	2.17
Far East Growth	151.10	160.80†	-0.10	1.68
Japan Growth	137.00	145.60	-1.10	
Special Sits	248.70	264.50	-0.30	1.07
UK Growth	97.55	103.70†	-0.30	1.85
Triton General	292.70	311.40	-1.20	1.42
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	180.50	191.00	-0.30	0.64
Gts Euro Prog Inc	416.70	440.90	+2.20	0.33
-do- Accum	651.10	689.00	+3.50	0.33
Growth Inc	159.10	168.40	+0.20	0.47
-do- Accum	163.10	172.60	+0.20	0.47
International Inc	416.10	440.30	+0.40	0.29
-do- Accum	573.50	606.90	+0.40	0.29
Nth Am & Intl Inc	401.40	424.80	-2.40	0.55
UK Gen Prog Inc	255.20	270.10	-0.20	1.06
-do- Accum	292.30	309.30	-0.20	1.06
UK High Inc Inc	143.90	152.30	+0.30	4.72
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	126.16	134.20		0.75
European Gwth	91.90	97.76		1.00
Global Bd	60.95	64.45		5.00
Japan Sm Cos	58.30	62.02	..	
UK Gwth	90.60	96.38		1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	90.35	96.12	-0.03	3.14
Amer Smlr Cos	154.50	164.40	-0.80	
Asian Smaller Cos	48.70	51.81†	-0.17	
Capital Portfolio	151.50	161.20	-0.10	0.93
Cash	134.00	134.00†		5.25
China Dragon	64.85	68.99	+0.22	1.54
Commodity	159.00	169.20	+0.50	
Eastern Discovery	118.00	125.50†	-0.30	
Emerging Mkts	39.90	42.45†	-0.06	
Energy Inds	162.30	172.70	-0.10	
European Gwth	241.50	256.90	+1.20	0.29
Euro Inc & Gwth #	97.26	103.50	+0.50	1.11
Euro Smlr Cos	76.71	81.61	+0.18	0.10
Extra Income #	55.36	57.16	-0.04	6.12
Financial Secs	275.00	292.60	-0.40	1.04
High Income #	48.65	48.65	-0.04	7.62
Gold & Exploration	122.00	129.80	+0.10	..
Growth	405.60	407.80	-0.90	1.74
High Return #	246.70	262.40†	-0.30	3.62
High Yield #	255.70	272.00	-0.20	3.08
Income #	131.00	139.40	-0.20	3.74
Intl Bond	167.20	176.60	+0.10	6.15
ITU	238.90	254.10	+0.10	0.66
Japan Growth	184.60	196.30	-1.10	
Japan Smaller	198.10	210.70	-1.20	
Korea	58.06	61.77	-0.12	
Masterland	66.90	67.24†	-0.11	0.90
Southern Africa	80.18	84.02	-0.04	1.27
Scotshares #	348.90	371.20†	-0.10	1.38
Scotyields #	275.50	293.10	-0.30	2.83
Select Intl	158.60	168.70	-0.10	0.56
Smaller Cos Inc #	271.20	288.50		3.51
SE Asia	54.13	57.59	-0.03	0.03
Special Situation	155.60	165.50†	-0.10	1.98
UK Equity #	285.90	304.20	-0.30	2.19
UK Growth	79.07	84.12	-0.11	1.53
UK & O'seas	197.00	209.60†		1.48
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	61.68	65.62	-0.13	1.22
US Growth	213.80	227.40	-1.10	
Univ Growth	161.90	172.30	-0.10	0.47
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	335.40	354.79	-0.16	0.85
-do- Accum	369.92	391.29	-0.19	0.85
European Gwth	91.99	97.41†	-0.54	0.78
Euro Smlr Cos	114.81	121.94†	+0.62	0.28
Far Eastern Gth	115.58	123.28	+0.19	
-do- Accum	117.81	125.66	+0.19	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	51.99	54.78	+0.01	7.48
Global Bond #	50.24	51.91†	+0.13	6.85
-do- Accum #	59.86	61.85†	+0.16	6.85
Global Emer Mkt	60.63	64.67	+0.16	
-do- Accum	60.63	64.73	+0.16	
Income #	401.60	428.37	+1.15	5.01
-do- Accum #	£13.30	£14.19	+3.81	5.01
Japan Smlr Cos	485.05	517.38†	+0.38	
-do- Accum	486.02	518.41†	+0.37	
Japan Enterprise	71.64	76.41	-0.31	
Pacific Gwth	163.22	174.10	+0.64	0.50
-do- Accum	169.08	180.34	+0.66	0.50
Portfolio	94.58	100.88	-0.09	2.00
-do- Accum	104.41	111.36	+0.10	2.00
Seoul	48.49	51.72†	-0.23	
-do- Accum	48.49	51.72†	-0.23	
Smaller Cos	316.26	337.34†	-0.36	0.77
Strategic Inc	101.08	107.76	-0.15	3.25
Strategic Acc	101.08	107.76	+0.15	3.25
Tokyo	134.24	143.18	+0.27	
-do- Accum	135.59	144.62	+0.27	
UK Enterprise	226.03	241.76†	-0.76	2.27
-do- Accum	402.89	429.75†	-0.95	2.27
UK Equity	292.43	311.92†	+0.66	2.66
-do- Accum	591.21	630.62†	+1.32	2.66
US Smlr Cos	231.51	246.94	-0.77	
-do- Accum	231.51	246.94	0.77	
Institutional Funds				
European	292.90	303.82	+0.97	2.03
-do- Accum	329.06	341.33	+1.03	2.03
Euro Smlr Cos	38.07	39.53†	-0.04	1.26
-do- Accum	40.95	42.59†	-0.04	1.26
Global Equity Inc	93.49	97.39	-0.06	1.01
Japan Smlr Cos	41.13	42.83†	-0.09	0.11
-do- Accum	41.52	43.24†	-0.09	0.11
Mngd Balanced	223.77	233.09	-0.21	2.16
-do- Accum	260.91	271.77	-0.22	2.16
Overseas Equity	226.61	236.05†	-0.31	1.28
-do- Accum	237.21	247.61†	-0.32	1.28
O'seas Smlr Cos	155.25	161.71	0.31	0.91
-do- Accum	163.59	170.41	-0.32	0.91
Pacific	299.01	302.09	-0.76	1.34
-do- Accum	321.91	334.30	-0.85	1.34
Recovery	£23.74	£24.73	-5.62	2.94
-do- Accum	£25.76	£26.84	-6.10	2.94
UK Index	173.10	186.56†	-0.52	3.49
-do- Accum	228.32	237.84	-0.66	3.49
UK Small Cos	143.76	149.74	-0.34	2.37
-do- Accum	157.81	164.38	-0.38	2.37
US Smlr Cos	67.20	70.00	-0.19	0.48
-do- Accum	68.52	71.69	-0.19	0.48
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2300				
Equity Income	57.39	60.69	-0.13	2.91
Equity Trust	72.65	77.99	0.23	1.92
Equity Strategy	91.26	94.39	-0.03	1.17
European Opps	108.19	114.41	+0.32	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	82.00	86.72	+0.13	0.87
Maximum Inc	99.91	102.50	+0.01	6.05
Japanese	84.78	89.65	-0.49	
Asia Pacific	137.72	141.46	-0.42	0.42
American	125.46	133.25	-0.31	0.24
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	32.93	32.93	-0.01	5.24
UK General Inc	62.13	66.27†	-0.11	3.20
-do- Accum	91.65	97.03†	-0.15	3.20
Intl Income	203.20	223.40	-3.60	1.66
-do- Accum	531.70	567.35	-1.30	1.66
European	103.42	109.65	+1.01	1.67
Japan	71.92	76.21	-0.43	
American	95.31	100.91	-0.36	1.63
Far East	95.02	101.36	0.13	1.35
Ethical Inc	39.66	41.41	-0.04	1.72
UK Blue Chip Inc	39.62	41.25	-0.04	3.64
High Inc Inc	41.19	43.03	-0.04	3.63
UK Global Inc	47.92	51.04	-0.13	1.30
Wwide Tact	93.95	99.19	+0.27	1.11
Europe 2000 Tact	71.43	75.58	-0.45	1.02
Technology	155.98	169.58	1.92	0.85
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	463.35	494.10	+1.50	2.86
American	351.10	372.50	-1.50	0.39
Pacific	332.30	352.20	-1.30	0.23
European	484.60	512.90	-4.00	1.07
Worldwide	105.60	112.30		0.49
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	320.40	340.90†	-0.60	2.19
-do- Accum	413.90	446.00†	-0.70	2.19
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	280.70	298.70†	-0.10	1.13
-do- Accum	345.30	367.40†	-0.10	1.13
Select Opprty Inc	84.54	90.42	+0.07	1.78
Income Plus Inc	83.92	89.09	-0.15	3.30
European Inc	441.50	470.20	+3.20	0.96
-do- Accum	504.10	536.30	+3.70	0.96
Far Eastern Inc	194.10	206.50	-0.40	1.00
-do- Accum	223.10	238.00	-0.40	1.00
Japanese Inc	65.37	69.56	-0.31	
Nth American Inc	320.60	340.50	1.70	0.14
-do- Accum	352.90	375.40	1.90	0.19
Intl Growth Inc	239.00	254.20†	-0.10	0.42
Wwide Venture Inc	98.90	105.20	+0.10	0.52
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	421.00	456.10	-1.20	2.23
-do- Accum	662.70	726.50	-1.80	2.23
UK High Inc	295.10	318.90	-0.70	2.53
-do- Accum	311.20	333.60	-0.10	2.82
Europe Inc	473.90	504.30	-0.90	0.46
Nth Amer Inc	322.80	344.20	2.50	
Global Inc	258.40	276.10	-0.36	0.11
Global Acc	287.60	306.10	-0.90	0.11
UK Spec Sits Inc	137.50	146.40	-0.30	1.82
South East Asia	256.20	272.20	+0.70	1.28
Cash Trust Inc	100.30	100.30		5.30
UK Smlr Cos Inc	129.70	136.90	-0.20	1.55
-do- Accum	133.60	142.40	-0.30	1.55
Intl Bond Inc	93.56	99.31		5.52
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	161.80	170.33†	+0.30	0.72
Nth American	141.70	149.20†	-1.10	
Intl Bond & Com	126.90	133.59	-0.10	6.65
Pooled Pension (C)	238.30	250.90†		1.91
Smaller Cos	117.40	123.60	+0.10	0.69
UK General #	158.60	166.90		2.30
Far Eastern	105.70	111.30	+0.10	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	127.55		-0.75	
Asiec ‡	71.12		+0.18	
European ‡	170.29		+0.75	
Global Bond ‡	90.61		-0.23	8.27
Investment Trust ‡	116.06		-0.14	0.92
Preferred Income ‡	107.54		-0.07	4.92
Samurai ‡	61.99		-0.28	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.12		+0.01	4.78
UK Growth ‡	109.98		-0.13	2.37
Tai Pan ‡	108.88		+0.24	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	116.37		-0.12	2.27
UK Equity Inc ‡	109.79		+0.11	4.89
Glob Gwth PEP	78.15	83.13	-0.16	1.16
Pref Inc PEP #	100.90	107.00†	-0.10	5.61
Inv Trust PEP	56.69	60.30	-1.19	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	478.30	506.00	-1.50	
Capital	146.90	157.10	-0.50	1.11
Cash	101.29	101.29	+0.01	5.24
European	161.60	171.00	-0.60	0.50
Far Eastern	166.10	175.80	-0.80	
Growth	164.60	174.30	-0.30	0.82
Income #	134.40	142.20	-0.50	5.00
Magnum	155.80	166.60†	-0.50	1.10
Smith Secs	549.50	581.50	-0.40	0.29
Thoroughbred	182.10	195.00	-0.40	0.97
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cnrbld Prfmnce	57.84	61.86	-0.07	7.00
Ethical	86.02	92.00	-0.34	0.87
European Growth	85.99	89.25†	+0.33	1.12
Income	60.35	64.54	+0.16	3.67
Intl Growth	115.30	122.60	-0.10	1.22
Managed	93.75	99.88†	+0.11	2.80
UK Growth	78.76	84.23	+0.82	1.78
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.56	46.80	-0.10	1.46
Global Advtg Acc	50.45	50.71	-0.10	1.46
Income Advtg Inc	34.55	34.73†	-0.10	3.21
Income Advtg Acc	40.09	40.30	-0.10	3.21
UK Equity Gth Acc	96.60	102.40	-0.20	0.90
Premier Inc Inc	48.34	50.88†		7.52
Premier Inc Acc	51.06	53.75	..	7.52
Managed Acc	61.82	65.53	-0.20	1.25
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	39.71	42.10	-0.10	4.11
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	51.99	55.11	-0.10	4.11
Standard Life Tst Mngrs Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	75.18	79.88	-0.30	2.18
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.34	57.74	-0.10	2.18
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.52	33.34		6.71
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	375.00	408.00	-1.10	1.30
Nth American Acc	59.27	62.98	-0.20	
Pacific Basin	47.61	50.59	-0.10	0.51
European Acc	61.40	65.24		0.63
Japan Acc	28.64	30.43	-0.20	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.555	4.838		1.87
US Eqts (US$)	3.266	3.467		0.72
Far East Eqts (yen)	291.10	309.20		
FT Europe	153.30	162.80		0.65
FT N Amer (US$)	2.497	2.662		0.35
FT Japan (yen)	255.10	270.50		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.890	3.070		0.54
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	530.70	562.90	-4.70	
British #	1287.80	1362.50	+0.40	2.87
Emging Mkts	167.10	178.00	+0.50	0.66
Euro Small Co	67.79	72.20	-0.17	0.67
Japan	144.80	153.80	-0.30	
New Pacific	447.60	476.70†	-0.70	1.00
-do- Accum	481.60	512.90	-0.80	1.00
Inv Trust Acc	302.50	320.70	-0.30	0.84
Mngd Equity	205.80	217.70†	-0.20	1.53
Mngd Cash	95.40	95.40†	+0.01	5.16
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1055.00	1128.00	+3.00	1.55
North America	200.10	214.00	-1.50	
Far East	178.40	190.80	+0.30	0.20
Wwide Bond	59.35	63.04	-0.02	4.90
European	137.90	147.50	+0.70	0.97
Equity Income #	103.50	110.70†	+0.20	4.04
Portfolio	109.50	117.10	+0.10	1.52
UK Leading Cos	73.84	78.76†	+0.25	2.67
High Inc Bond	50.30	50.41	+0.11	6.80
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	79.02	84.51†	-0.25	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.66	26.24†	+0.06	0.50
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	95.01	101.08	-0.09	7.54
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	96.21	102.36	-0.09	7.54
European	49.32	52.47†	+0.09	0.59
High Income	34.73	36.95	+0.06	4.06
Japan	36.97	39.33†	-0.12	0.01
Managed Assets	141.09	150.90†	+0.16	2.43
North American	45.68	48.60†	-0.10	0.34
Smlr Co's Inc	37.94	40.37	-0.12	1.56
Smlr Co's Acc	41.34	43.98†	-0.13	1.56
UK Growth Inc	62.27	66.25†	+0.06	2.71
UK Growth Acc	70.17	74.65†	+0.07	2.71
UK Income	43.67	46.71†	+0.12	3.53
Worldwide Gth	42.08	45.01	+0.03	0.01
Confederation				
Asian & Oceanic Er	34.00	35.06	+0.05	1.50
European Exmpt	99.92	103.02	-0.47	1.55
Japan Exempt	30.96	31.92	-0.07	0.09
US Exmpt	98.87	101.93	-0.19	1.30
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	59.39	63.18	-0.09	
Cap Protector Inc	46.48	49.45	+0.15	2.79
UK Income Inc	57.51	61.18	-0.19	3.20
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.50	36.59†	+0.06	6.68
Mngd High Yld Inc	86.63	92.16†	+0.20	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	83.39	88.71†	+0.22	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	41.58	44.23	-0.04	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	54.26	57.72	+0.11	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	309.51	327.53	-3.06	
-do- Accum	340.91	360.76	-3.36	
Brit Growth	115.91	122.66	+0.29	2.04
-do- Accum	142.89	151.21	+0.36	2.04
European	131.17	138.81	+1.14	0.03
-do- Accum	139.61	147.74	+1.21	0.03
Extra Income	201.73	213.47	+0.71	4.16
-do- Accum	360.37	381.35	+1.28	4.16
Smaller Cos	91.64	97.18	-0.02	0.56
-do- Accum	104.78	110.88	+0.03	0.56
General	345.92	366.05	+0.97	2.18
-do- Accum	730.75	773.28	+2.04	2.18
Premier Income	50.94	53.06	-0.03	6.64
-do- Accum	124.71	129.91	-0.06	6.64
Income	358.55	379.42†	+1.43	3.61
-do- Accum	829.61	877.90†	+3.32	3.61
Pacific	451.02	477.27†	-1.91	
-do- Accum	473.91	501.49†	-2.00	
International	654.74	692.85	-0.60	
-do- Accum	862.71	912.93	-0.78	
Nat Resources	205.39	217.35	+1.13	
Spcl Opps	130.60	138.20	+0.27	1.23
-do- Accum	170.33	180.24	+0.36	1.23
Environmental Inv	77.58	82.10	+0.19	1.36
Selector	73.55	77.88	+0.18	1.64
-do- Accum	85.10	90.05	+0.20	1.64
High Income	66.17	70.02†	+0.20	4.68
-do- Accum	89.93	95.16†	+0.28	4.68
Intl Income	62.87	66.53	0.03	5.11
-do- Accum	82.07	86.85	+0.04	5.11
Selector Income	64.76	68.53	+0.13	4.28
-do- Accum	80.63	85.32	+0.16	4.28
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018				
British	397.45	419.37	+0.93	2.58
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	235.96	252.36†	-0.99	2.23
Glob Emrg Mkts Inc	198.51	212.31	-0.38	3.20
Value Tst Inc	144.04	151.06†	0.18	1.91
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Emerging Eur Bd	44.08	45.83	+0.14	5.80
European Growth	347.68	364.07	+2.29	1.00
Exempt	646.34	675.87†	+1.09	3.40
Global Em Mkts	89.27	93.37	-0.05	0.50
Japan Tst	82.45	86.33	-0.41	
Little Dragons	102.33	107.15	-0.21	
Nth Amer Gwth	294.36	307.91†	-1.36	0.50
Overseas Income #	49.93	51.23	+0.01	3.60
Preference	129.25	135.33	+0.08	9.80
Tiger	311.22	325.88	-0.05	
UK Blue Chip	73.87	77.35	+0.29	1.98
UK Growth	646.76	677.23	+1.59	1.80
UK High Yield #	108.84	113.96	+0.34	6.00
UK Mid Cap	327.36	342.77	-0.02	1.80
UK Smlr Cos	139.65	146.23	-0.39	0.78
UK Smlr Cos Div #	93.56	97.96†	-0.20	5.60
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	110.80	117.87	+0.30	5.37
UK Equity Growth	99.63	105.98	-0.18	3.04
European	79.39	84.35	+0.41	1.43
Nth American	92.22	98.11	-0.30	0.27
Far Eastern	79.96	85.06	-0.41	0.08
Money	70.96	70.96	+0.01	5.53
Fixed Interest #	78.48	83.49	+0.02	7.64
Index Linked Gilt	70.40	74.89	-0.05	1.42
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD 0345 369595				
Income Trust	103.71	103.71	+0.37	7.12
UK Index Tracking	126.92	126.92	+1.16	2.97
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	31.40	33.65	-0.76	
Pacific Basin	46.71	49.16	-0.29	
Global Bond US$	0.8945	0.9017	+0.0015	
Prem. Share	43.43	50.97		0.08
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444				
Challenger	96.86	99.82	-0.01	2.50
Short Dtd Gilt	123.30	124.80	+0.18	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7737	0.7839		
Gilt Income	51.43	53.52†	+0.06	6.78
Gilt Growth	78.37	79.49	+0.07	
Sterling Bond	49.09	50.91	+0.04	6.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	56.52	60.01	+0.14	1.87
UK Strat Mrkt	99.74	105.50	+0.070	2.23
Corporate Bond	48.02	48.77	+0.03	7.4

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAP (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	441½	Allied Domecq	453	- 8	6.5	17.2
625	503	Bulmer (HP)	579		2.2	16.2
151	96	Burn Stewart	105		6.3	21.4
775	615	Glenmorangie 'A'	765		2.0	11.6
464	411	Grand Met	473	- 8	4.6	
493	435	Guinness	472	- 6	3.9	15.4
377	315	Highland Dist	376	- 1	2.7	17.5
195	150	Macallan-Glen	157		1.1	
807	665	Matthew Clark	755		3.6	12.2
139	93	Merrydown	139	- 7	1.6	
2612½	1765½	SA Breweries	1821¼	- 18¼	2.0	

BANKS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3616¾	2743½	ABN AMRO	3462½	+ 18¾	3.5	17.2
663	528	Abbey Natl	579½	+ 13½	4.7	11.1
385	322	Allied Irish	342		5.9	10.1
336	296	Aus New Z	306		6.3	
5243¼	4473¼	Bank America	4961½			
316	231½	Bank Scotland	236			
819	623	Barclays	791	- 17	3.6	9.3
488	472	Bk of Ireland	452		4.2	10.4
492	378	Cater Allen	432		4.9	
5606½	4031¼	Citicorp	5312¼		3.4	
392	318	Close Bros	369		3.5	15.9
F1577½	C132	Commerzbank	£132½		3.8	
1350	1146¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1146¼	- 3¼	0.4	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	2966½	- 21¾	2.5	
802¼	593¼	Espirito Santo	762½		4.7	10.2
1507	1265¼	Fuji Bank Y	1347¼	- 11¼	0.4	
472	354	Gerrard Natl	356		8.1	11.3
257	196	Hambros	235		4.9	
1125	911	HSBC	1048	+ 19	3.8	11.2
1099	930	HSBC HK	1029	+ 24	3.9	10.9
421	385	Irish Perm	410		3.1	11.2
177	143	King Shaxson	169		6.7	13.1
456	415	Leopold J	428		5.9	
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	332	+ 7½	2.9	14.6
640	571	Nat Aust Bk	580	- 4	4.5	7.5
711	605½	Nat West	634	- 17	5.0	9.9
66	51	Rea Brothers	54		2.3	25.9
596	483	Ryl Bk Scot	556	+ 7½	4.3	10.9
1380	1145	Schroders	1253	- 5	1.5	18.8
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1046	- 3	1.9	14.7
122	99½	Singer & Fried	113		4.4	9.4
672	547	Stand Chart	644	+ 11	2.1	14.1
105	85½	Ulster	91		4.1	
£174	£131½	Wells Fargo	£154¾	- 4½	2.2	
329½	264	Westpac	295½	- 2½	5.0	
360	268	Wintrust	360		4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abrdn Stk HG	36			7.8
383	263	Ascot Hldgs	382			
839	702	Bass	829½	+ 5½	3.5	17.9
70	40	Brit for the Bdr	41		5.0	10.7
177	161	Burtonwood Brs	170	- 2	4.2	
126½	92	City Centre Rest	122		3.3	23.0
621	463	Compass Gp	588	- 2	1.7	28.0
265	190	Eldridge Pope 'A'	258	- 1	2.3	13.8
535	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	535			
636	551	Greenalls Gp	574		3.2	15.6
699	604	Greene King	690	- 1	3.0	
285	224	Grosvenor Inn	252		2.7	23.3
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	225		1.4	22.8
357	299	Hardy Hansn	333		4.3	11.2
3475	3095	Holt J	3100		2.3	16.8
72	45	Inn Business	70			
355	313	Mansfield	348		2.1	16.8
353½	307	Marston Thomp	319	- 1	2.9	
673	535	Morland	608		2.5	18.4
147	118	My Kinda Town	145		2.6	14.3
6½	4½	Paramount	5		4.6	9.6
163	123	Pelican Gp	156	- 1	1.6	
428	217	PizzaExpress	377	+ 1	0.8	39.1
438	245	Ramsdens (H)	370	- 2	1.7	38.8
256	138½	Regent Inns	227	+ 8	0.9	35.6
700	601	Scott & New	673	+ 9	3.7	
265	205	Tom Cobleigh	250	+ 7	1.4	31.1
313	268	Vaux Group	280	- 3	4.6	14.5
1058	640	Wetherspoon JD	993	+ 5	1.1	34.7
759	672	Whitbread	731	+ 2	3.7	15.8
693	578	Wolverhmptn D	628		3.1	14.6
407	297	Yates Bros	356	+ 1	1.3	
650	425	Young 'A'	633		3.0	25.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
33	17½	AAF Inds	23			
190	135	Abbey	190		3.5	12.3
295	212½	Allen	260	- 2	3.2	17.0
121	92	Amec	97		3.9	19.7
448	233	Andrews Sykes	408		1.2	21.2
200	160	Ashtead	174		1.9	15.0
38	26	Avonside	37		3.4	
31	24	Bailey (Ben) Con	30		4.4	12.6
56	34	Barcourt	50		1.8	
281	219	Barratt Devs	268	+ 3	3.9	16.5
213	166	Beazer Homes	179		4.1	14.5
344	249	Bellway	319	+ 1	3.1	15.9
21	17	Bellwinch	19			
620	483	Berkeley Gp	598	- 6	1.8	
173	133	Bett Bros	134		5.0	5.7
250	175	Bott (Henry)	232		4.0	10.0
133	91	Brandon Hire	132		2.1	19.4
30	19	Britannia Grp	28		7.1	23.3
54	31	Br Bldg & Eng	46	+ 1		
135	104	Bryant	126		5.0	15.3
108	88	CALA	105		3.3	11.5
20	10	Campbell & Arm	10½			8.3
52	37	Clarke T	52		9.8	
103	39	Costain	39			
87	58	Countryside	67		5.2	
85	54½	Crest Nicholson	71		3.8	16.5
88	72½	Cussins	81		6.0	10.1
220	118	Eve Group	140		8.0	7.5
23	15	Galliford	19	+ ½	6.6	41.1
863	733	Gleeson (MJ)	863		2.2	16.0
61	48	Green (Ernst)	48		7.0	
357	265	Havelock Europ	357	+ 8	1.3	26.4
161	128	Hewden-Stuart	132	- 1	2.8	14.8
102	82	Higgs & Hill	84		3.7	
22	15	Howard Hldgs	19		5.3	17.3
109	22	Jarvis	86	- 2		
188	128	Keller	168		3.2	14.3
323	253	Laing (J)	312½	- 1½	3.6	50.5
117	97	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	114		7.0	
21	9½	Lovell (YJ)	12½			
218	191	Maunders (J)	216		3.3	13.6
197	143	McAlpine (A)	150		5.8	
101	66	McCarthy & S	93		3.4	12.6
121	81	Morgan Sindall	121	+ 3	2.8	15.1
171	122	Morrison Const	170		3.1	
105	58½	Mowlem (J)	90		2.8	
242	173	Persimmon	232		5.1	18.2
115	85	Pochins	97		2.1	9.8
145	97	Prowting	137		3.5	29.1
28	13½	Raine Ind	15	+ 1		
152	128	Redrow	134		3.0	14.8
66	46	Secure Retire	46		2.7	24.1
320	285	Shanks Hldgs	289		3.0	12.2
92	68	Sherratt	78		6.7	11.9
378	343	Spender	368		1.0	22.6
159	125	Tay Homes	150	- 1	5.8	13.7
175	115	Taylor Woodrw	166	+ 1	2.1	24.9
508	408	Tilbury Dougls	508		5.4	15.3
16½	10½	Try Group	14½			
103	74	Vibroplant	88		5.8	6.6
111	65	Wainhomes	100		5.6	
53	38	Ward Hldgs	43		4.4	6.4
223	170	Westbury	213	- 1	3.6	
8½	4½	Wiggins	8			55.1
190	161	Wilson (C)	167	+ 1	3.4	20.7
473	354	Wilson Bowdn	443		2.8	21.0
160	129	Wimpey G	153	+ 5	4.5	

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
15	5½	Allenghton	6½			
342	284	BPB Ind	338	+ 6	3.7	16.2
124	97	Baggeridge Brk	112		3.5	21.4
42	31	Barbour	37½		6.7	16.7
65	47	Blockleys	54			
376	322	Blue Circle	370½	+ 6½	4.2	27.8
97	77	Breedon PLC	86	+ 2	7.0	14.1
130	108	Br Dredging	125		5.6	14.5
673	473	CRH	649		1.8	17.5
48	32½	Cakebread Rbey	41		6.1	
173	140	Cape	162		8.5	11.6
247	195½	Caradon	214½	- 1½	5.5	21.2
127	106	Caradon pf	113½	+ ½	8.0	
35	19	Chelton Gp	32	- 1	3.9	
193	158	Dyson (J&J)	163	+ 5	3.1	13.5
85	70	Dyson 'A'	80		6.2	6.6
238	203	Epwin	223		5.0	14.4
183½	127½	Flare	155			17.1
95	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88		5.1	8.9
208	154½	Graham Grp	159		4.5	17.0
406	379	Halstead (J)	381		2.9	16.5
321	279	Hepworth	286		6.6	15.0
66	36	Hewetson	63		5.1	13.9
251	215	Heywd Wlm	236	- 2	7.3	12.8
79	60	Ibstock	73½		3.4	10.4
500	335	Johnston	500		2.8	12.9
88	65	Lilleshall	73		8.3	9.3
155	111	Marley	136	+ 3	4.3	15.5
184	148	Marshalls	165		3.9	14.4
471	372	Meyer Intl	379	+ 5	3.8	32.4
149	114	Newman Tnks	124		7.0	14.5
106	83	Norcros	104	- 1		72.5
29	16	Phoenix Timber	25		1.0	
233	175	Pilkington	188	+ 5	3.0	
205	174½	Polypipe	196		1.7	18.1
1109	928	RMC Gp	1036	+ 9	2.7	13.4
438	350	Redland	402	+ 5	5.2	15.4
123	84½	Rockel	115		5.0	10.8
153	121	Ruberoid	140		5.4	13.5
140	102	Rugby Group	113	+ 1	4.0	20.5
131	113	Russell (A)	120		2.8	10.8
255	196	SIG	217			
4½	3	SWP	3½			
196	156	Sharpe & Fisher	195		3.3	16.0
27	14	Spring Ram	16			
230	175	Streamline Hldgs	214		4.5	17.8
136	102	Tarmac	118	+ 4	5.8	19.3
147	97	Titon	119		5.0	12.9
458	350	Travis Perkins	439		2.6	19.1
40	28	Tudor	35		3.6	15.9
50	31	Watmoughs	31			
489	433	Wolseley	451½	+ 1½	2.8	15.6

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	156	Albright & Wil	181	+ 1	4.6	15.4
139	125	Allied Colloids	130½	- 1	2.8	22.3
210	157	Amber Indt	157		4.6	11.1
100	66	Amberley Gp	88		2.0	20.7
1887½	1447½	BASF DM	1681¼	- 18¾	3.1	
948	872	BOC	941	+ 13	3.6	17.5
310	265	BTP	290		3.0	14.8
2306¼	1716½	Bayer DM50	2231¼	- 34¾	2.8	
112	70	Brent Chems	103		2.4	
225	195	Br Vita	215		4.6	17.4
259	192	Canning (W)	259		3.8	16.8
460	401	Courtaulds	430	+ 3	4.6	21.5
351	303	Croda	303	- 6	3.9	14.7
290	200½	DeaRon	277		3.0	15.8
295	246	Ellis & Everard	278	+ 3	3.9	14.8
94	67	Euro Colour	74		3.7	14.6
197	164	Gibbon	174	- 2	5.2	
93	71	Hickson	72		3.5	21.8
2981½	1750	Hoechst	2153½		2.5	
166	102	Holliday Chem	134	+ 1	4.7	15.7
959	759	ICI	790	+ 7	4.7	11.3
402	248	Inspec	252	- 5	3.0	12.2
147	111	Kalon	137		4.4	
782	629	Laporte	703	+ 1	4.1	16.9
325	265	Manders	269		5.3	12.5
100	76	Morisom	96		2.3	13.2
37	28	Metrotect	29		3.1	
432	345	Porvair	415		1.6	23.1
252	221	Scapa	243	+ 6	3.4	13.7
34	26	Sussalic Spcil	32	- 2	3.4	
1165½	922½	Takeda Chem	1129½	+ 5½	0.7	16.4
1133	968	Wassmaine R	1013		3.0	15.6
296	253	Yorks Chem	254		4.2	14.7
399	305	Yule Catto	358		2.8	17.7

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
121	87	ABI Leis	99		5.5	11.8
485	365	Adam & Harvey	378	+ 5	6.5	4.9
18	14	Alexanders	17		2.2	
113	98	Appleyard	102		7.6	11.7
4	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	
630	505	BSS Group	619		4.1	17.1
38	23	Banall	26	- 1	4.0	14.8
25	16	Bearing Power	23½		6.6	16.8
45	23	Boyod A	43		2.1	14.2
558	470	Brammer	548		3.3	17.1
22	18	Bridgend Gp	19		1.3	
112	76	Br Fittings	98	+ 3	4.6	13.4
290	245	Caffyns	285		5.0	22.6
150	105	Caverdale	139		2.7	9.3
96	65	Central Mtr	92		0.7	
107½	78	Charles Sidney	102		4.7	14.4
75	57½	Coor (HP)	69	+ 1	3.1	10.1
457	387	Cowie	415	+ 1	3.3	15.6
175	120½	Dag Motors	160		6.0	11.1
165	125½	Dewhurst TH	149		2.4	14.0
434	254	Diploma	368		5.0	12.7
497	348	Electrocomponents	384	- 2	2.1	24.8
214	172	Europ Elec	190	- 4	2.9	13.7
124	105	Fundstart	108	- 3½	4.8	16.2
115	76	European Mtr	94		6.9	
275	266	Evans Halshaw	268	- 1	5.8	13.0
50	45	Fife Indmar	50		8.2	6.9
338	249	Finelist Grp	319	- 3	2.2	18.8
37	16½	Gartbrg	29		3.1	
64½	51½	Glencheweton	63	+ 2	1.6	26.3
31	24	Edwings	27		4.0	13.3
292	216	Harris (Phillip)	271		3.8	20.4
293	207½	Headlam	289	- 1	2.1	23.0
300	135	Holders Tech	200		3.8	
182	157	IEA Intl	172		1.7	18.1
316	251	Inchcape	282	- 5	4.1	
66	33	Jacks (Wm)	50		4.4	19.3
248	169	Kwik-Fit	229		2.7	16.1
333	299	Lex Service	377		5.0	13.5
159	112	Lookers	147		6.9	8.5
17	10½	Mabern Grp	12½		6.6	12.9
9½	7¼	Meddbrerod	7½	+ ½	1.2	
47	31	Mancrest	41	- 1		9.3
565	443	Nortest	541		1.7	
349	232	Northamber	278	- 7	1.0	
162	108	PCT	119		8.1	
341	272	Pendragon	334	+ 2	3.4	17.8
211	145	Perry Gp	189	- 1	5.2	11.2
745	603	Premier Farnell	684	- 8	2.1	
176	135	Quicks Group	173		3.5	14.4
375	165	RFA	305		1.7	38.2
		Reece	2½			
61	36½	Roncon	38		4.9	5.8
4½	2	Rocc Gp	3½	+ ½		
56	46½	SEP Ind	52½	+ 1½	4.8	11.2
195	170	Selfrey	153	- 12	0.8	20.4
373	246	Terre Products	364	+ 9	3.5	
41	30	Torex Hire	35		4.8	18.4
223	132	UniKCO	221		2.1	19.4
338	269	Vardy (Reg)	332	- 4	2.5	
413	325	Wholesale Ftgs	388		3.9	29.6
58	31½	Wilshaw	35		3.1	
143	78	Wyko	138		7.6	
132	104	Young (H)	116		4.3	10.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1½	½	Anglo Utd	1			
358	285	Antofagasta	320	+ 2	2.0	10.8
1026	862	Brtns Hill	862	- 6	2.9	18.9
340	244½	BTR	251	+ 4	7.3	10.5
586	477	BAT	501	+ 7	6.0	9.8
224	173½	Beresford Intl	185		2.4	13.4
124	103	Bibby (J)	116		6.5	8.4
63½	50¼	Bremer Inc	60½	- ¾	7.6	3.1
972	817	Charter	903	- 5	3.8	13.4
325	272	Cookson	272	- 4½	3.7	14.3
193	141	Cecab	191	+ 3	6.1	11.8
283	204	DCC	279	- 2	3.0	11.1
140	120	Crampian Hdg	125		6.1	13.9
220	173	Harrison	175	+ 2	8.6	8.2
172½	129	Hanson Cstld	133	- 1	8.5	12.8
439½	379½	Hutch Whamp	406¼	+ 7½	1.9	21.8
563½	441½	Jardine Math	459¾	+ 1½	3.5	
217½	174½	Lonrho	184½	- 1	3.3	21.8
191	164	McLeod Russell	174		4.7	14.9
478	403	Powell Duffryn	413		7.9	
146	120	Ropner	127		8.1	9.7
178	155	Sime Darby	178	+ 3	2.7	16.2
232	192½	Staveley	198	+ 1	5.7	13.4
174	156	Suter	170		7.2	10.5
358	268	TT Group	347		2.3	17.8
294½	232½	Tomkins	249	+ 5	5.0	13.7
295	235	Lindsey	240		9.1	8.3
474	366	Wardle Storeys	473	+ 4	4.8	21.4
315	254	Wassall	289	- 1	2.4	15.4
237	193	Whitecroft	209		3.0	14.9
356	310½	Williams Hldg	337	+ 4	5.3	15.5

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
737	514	East Midlands	562	- 3	7.0	8.7
873	619	London Elect	628	- 3	7.8	7.9
448	325	Midlands Elec	419		5.5	10.6
208	168½	National Grid	174	+ 2	7.4	6.6
615	426	National Power	534	+ 10	6.9	7.9
481	296	Nat Power P/P	399	+ 10	6.9	8.0
724	529	Northern Elect	563	- 3	8.9	18.7
456	383	Nthn Ireland	421		5.8	8.9
625	482	PowerGen	477	+ 5	5.5	6.2
475	321	PowerGen (P/P)	334	+ 4	5.5	6.2
372	293	Hydro-Elect	296	- 1	6.9	7.4
403	300	Scottish Power	302	+ 1	8.7	8.6
910	665	Southern Elec	722		6.9	8.7
910	668	Yorkshire Elec	733	+ 1	6.9	8.8

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	545	Acal	545		1.9	18.1
311	185	Acorn Comp	251	- 1		
283	163½	Admiral	270		0.9	33.3
218½	142½	Amstrad	202½	+ 2½	1.7	
52	33	Arlen	48	- 1		
164½	110	Astec	146½		1.8	12.4
752	489	Aspen	720	+ 8	1.3	20.0
360	276	BICC	313		0.7	
223	195	Bestec Hunter	202		6.0	
558	445	Blick	503	- 7	6.4	20.5
484	383	Bowthorpe	434	- 1	3.4	13.7
24½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14½		2.7	18.9
133	106	Cml Micro	107		3.9	
39	24	Channel Hldgs	34	- 1	7.6	15.8
30½	23½	Chloride	29½		4.9	14.7
82	66	Clayhithe	76		1.9	17.3
50	38	Clay Elect	41		5.9	8.1
982	629	Crichley	860			
849	433	Danka Bs Syst	433	- 15	1.6	25.4
464	346	Delta	353	+ 1	0.6	21.5
40	35	Domino	380		5.7	17.6
75	64	Dowding Mills	67		3.2	38.9
3500	1541	Dracketh	3450		5.2	15.8
3431½	2618½	Electrolux 'B'	3200¼	- 18¾	0.5	37.0
38½	30½	Emess	34½		3.2	9.1
1516¼	1125	Ericsson 'B'	1396¼	- 18¼	0.7	21.7
82	65	Eurocopy	87	+ 3	1.2	25.8
645	515	Eurotherm	515	- 73	3.5	15.2
688	533	Fairey Group	647	- 3	2.1	19.2
497	288	Filtronic Com	305		1.5	23.6
273½	155	Forward Gp	254	- 3½	0.3	48.3
100	71	Forward Tech	74		1.9	23.8
381	341	GEC	371½	+ 6½	4.6	10.9
137	114	Graseby	122	- 1	4.3	
140	93½	Ind Control	129	+ 2	6.8	28.8
38½	25	Inelsa	34		3.5	27.1
131	97	Kode	122		2.8	43.1
57	34	LPA Indt	52		1.0	12.3
290	280	MTL Instr	286		4.4	17.4
160	47	Magnum Power	61	- 1	2.1	17.5
298	248	Menner-Sw	295			
72	48	Microvitec	63	- 1	2.3	18.1
472	340	Mitel	432	- 1	1.7	20.1
69	36	Neotronics	65	+ 5		
543	405	Oxford Inst	488	- 2	2.4	
180	122	Pacer Systems	139		1.7	17.8
131	97	Peek	124	- 1	3.4	18.7
2765½	2053½	Philips Lmp NV	2075	- 9½	2.9	7.5
229	141	Plasmec	208	+ 2	3.0	12.7
204	146	Pressac	186		2.3	20.4
48	33	Prestwick	45			23.2
470	236½	Psion	448	+ 23	0.5	
348	283	Racal Elect	310	+ 3	2.4	19.9
103	78	Radamec	95	- 1	3.2	19.5
391	229	Rainford	233		1.1	12.3
560	380	Renishaw	515	- 5	1.7	20.6
6	1½	Rodime	3	- ½		
310	255	Roxboro	295		2.5	15.0
427	317	Servomex	403	- 10	2.3	33.3
97	62	Silvermines	84		1.7	20.1
43	27	Soundtracs	39		4.1	
3990½	3007½	TDK	3681½	- 31½	0.9	
29	6	TDS Circuits	27			
114	94	TGI	113	+ 1	3.6	
166	135	TLG	159		3.4	15.6
79	48	Tadpole Tech	58			
134	77	Telemetrix	79	- 1	2.3	17.2
870	435	Telspec	443		1.5	24.8
245	211	Thorpe FW	211		2.4	12.7
35	20	Total Systems	34			35.3
380	302	Tunstall	377		1.5	20.8
742	476	Unitech	735	- 2	1.4	23.9
18½	9½	Verity	13		1.4	14.4
273	219	Vero	219	- 1	2.8	22.7
455	383	Volex	455		5.7	13.8
36	17½	Wakebourne	28			
172	125	Whessoe	126		4.1	17.0

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
363	277	AIM	345		1.6	
95½	62	APV	62	- 1	5.4	17.8
99	70	ASW	80		6.2	
457	395	Alumasc	433	+ 1	2.2	19.1
175	107	Alvis	107	- 2	2.6	7.2
201	170	Ash & Lacy	178	- 1	4.7	14.5
838	638	Atlas Copco	738	- 5	3.2	19.5
149	115	Ayrshire Metal	115		6.0	6.8
351	284	BBA	301	- 3	2.5	20.4
183	133	BM	143		5.8	12.9
145	88	Babcock	80	+ 1	3.4	
8½	6	Bailey (CH)	8½			
144	96	Baynes (Charles)	134		2.3	20.1
38	24	Beauford	35		1.4	
80	38	Benson Group	52	- 1		
105	93	Billam	94		7.0	
564	403	Bodycote	552		1.5	25.5
48	35½	Booth Inds	48			
26½	17	Brasway	25	+ 1	4.2	
130	99	Bridon	114		4.8	25.1
999	787	Br Aerospace	986	+ 8	1.6	24.5
201	161	Br Steel	171	+ 1½	7.3	4.5
15½	11½	Brooke Tool	13½		2.8	12.1
38	28	Brunel	31½		2.0	11.9
113	94	Bullough	105		7.2	22.0
143	92	Burnfield	121		2.4	14.3
315	253	Carclo Eng	253	- 10	5.5	
235	171	Castings	234		2.3	
158	140	Chamberlin Hill	150		6.2	9.8
455	358	Chemring	388		3.6	15.2
290	195	Clyde Blowers	271		3.1	60.5
651	471	Cobham	647		1.9	
665	605	Cohen (A)	605		2.5	7.5
184	164	Concentric	179		4.7	12.3
268	215	Cook (Wm)	254		4.1	10.5
235	190	David Brown	273		4.5	13.9
395	330	BSI	338	+ 3	4.8	
31	17	Elecot	20		1.6	11.2
121	74	Elliott (B)	113		3.3	11.2
102	86	Expamet	97		3.9	19.6
191	153	FKI	177	+ 1	3.7	16.5
173	130	Fenner	149		3.2	14.3
8½	1½	Ferrum	8½	+ 3½		
69½	38	Firth Hldgs	65½			38.7
63½	55½	Firth Rixson	59	+ ½	2.3	24.5
152	120	GEI Intl	142		4.0	13.7
223	176½	Garton Eng	189		4.5	7.5
393	315	Glynwed	335	+ 5	4.8	13.1
17	12½	Graystone	12½		5.4	8.6
103	71½	Haden MacLellan	86		3.4	14.2
256	181	Hadleigh	249	- 1	2.9	
270	177	Hall Eng	258	- 1	3.9	17.7
201	166	Halma	179	+ 1	1.8	
62	43	Hampson Ind	61	+ 1	4.5	14.1
32	23	Hay (Norman)	28			27.6
51	28	Headway	38		1.0	34.6
117	91	Hill & Smith	93	- 6	7.8	10.2
41	31	Hopkinsons	33		4.9	
42	34	How Gp	38		3.7	25.4
76	65½	Howden	72	- 1½	6.2	
232	170	Hunting	170		7.4	14.7
385	311	IMI	367	+ 6	3.9	22.4
664	510	Johnson Matthey	619	- 1	3.0	18.0
60	43	Jones Stroud	57		2.2	
635	450	Kelsey Ind	450		6.7	8.9
268	226	Lincat	227		4.5	12.6
38	29½	Locker (Tr)	37½	- ½	2.2	40.5
47½	34	ML Hdgs	42	+ 2	4.3	
36	27	MS Ind	27		2.8	
326	222	Mang Bronze	324		2.1	14.1
524	399	McKechnie	472	+ 10	4.5	14.1
106½	84	Meggitt	95		5.2	19.3
118½	99	Metalrax	112	- 2	4.1	18.3
113	88	Metsec	106		3.9	14.1
1037	765	Molins	977		2.6	
447	384	Morgan Cble	422	+ 10	4.1	16.7
290	254	Morris Ashby	283		3.1	14.7
95	44	Neepsend	50		4.6	9.1
21	12½	OMI Intl	18½			
481	374	Powerscreen	456	+ 1	3.5	15.0
8½	4	Prospect Inds	5½		2.8	
291	209	Quadramatic	265	- 2	4.1	15.4
18	14½	Quadrant Gp	15		2.1	41.9
65	52	Radiant Metal	65			
69	53	Ransomes	58	- 1	1.1	14.0
83	55½	Record	69		6.5	13.0
324	231	Renold	296		2.4	
36	21	Richards Group	24		11.7	7.2
89	76	Richardson West	82	+ 1	5.6	9.5
246	187	Rolls-Royce	229	+ 3	2.7	27.4
298	171	Rotork	297½		2.8	21.7
192	160	Rubicon	187	- 2	3.7	18.6
1569¼	1187¼	SKF 'B'	1540¼	+ 25	3.3	8.7
112	92½	Senior Eng	106		4.2	20.8
277	158	Solid-Rite	277	+ 2	1.4	28.7
936	750	Siebe	928	+ 2	1.8	30.9
84	69	Simon Engr	80	- 1	7.3	13.4
391	150	Six Hundred	284	+ 2	1.8	
732	622	Smiths Ind	688	- 1	2.7	20.7
767	593	Spirax-Sarco	767		2.2	22.7
324	267	Sterling Ind	317		3.4	16.7
562	456	TI	544	- 1	2.8	21.1
119	92	Tesley (EX)	117		6.4	
131	78	Transtect	131	+ 1	2.1	26.3
180	141	Triplex Lloyd	162		5.4	12.8
161	137	Unicorn Ind	161		4.3	36.6
82½	74	Utd Inds	74		3.8	10.9
18	10½	Verson	17	- ½		
302	241	Vickers	264	+ 4	3.2	17.2
14	10½	Vilers Co	10½			19.5
778	705	Vitec	705	- 4	1.9	13.5
882	600	Vosper Thornycroft	800		3.7	13.8
426	334	Wagon Ind	334		7.7	
271	212	Weir	248		3.8	15.0
275	226	Wellington Hdg	269		3.4	17.7
59	42	Wellman	58½		3.5	10.7
435	363	Whatman	422		3.5	18.0
122	73	Widney	73		6.1	8.4

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	132½		7.4	37.8
295	265	Airflow Streaml	272		4.1	7.3
675	473	Avon Rubber	675		3.4	16.5
92	57½	BSG	89	- ½	4.5	16.3
363	273	Britax	335		2.5	14.7
29	19	Bowthead	19	- 1	6.8	
307	175	ERF	291		1.9	
515	431	First Tech	497		1.9	17.7
1014	778	GKN	1003	- 2	3.0	18.3
3800	3112½	General Mtr	3331¼	- 131¼	3.1	
668	497	Henlys	668	+ 3	2.2	19.6
1758¼	1312½	Honda Motor	1612¼	- 43½	0.5	
502	386	Laird	467		3.2	13.6
465	425	Lauder	465		0.3	
256	172	Lucas	226		3.9	29.8
130½	91	Mayflower	107		2.4	42.4
193	145	Sytone	191		3.5	
187	138	T & N	142	- 2	5.3	9.1
433	351	Trinity Hldgs	357		2.8	17.4

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
429	355	AB Food	397	+ 8½	2.8	14.1
284	247	Acatos & Hutch	264		4.3	21.6
53	43½	Albert Fisher	46½		10.1	11.5
325	275	Banks (S C)	310	- 4	4.2	11.7
343	315	Barr (AG)	334	- 3	3.1	21.8
32	21	Bensons Crisp	28			71.9
400	258	Booker	375	+ 1	7.7	14.7
36	29	Borthwick	35½	+ ½	4.6	15.9
507	366	CPL Aromas	433		1.4	23.6
567	468½	Cadbury-Schw	512	+ 2½	3.9	17.1
83	65	Canadian Pizza	77		7.8	13.0
348	258	Carrs Milling	300		3.8	10.7
112	88	Caughan	89		3.1	11.8
91	68	Continental Fds	68	- 2	6.7	6.0
198	171	Cranswick	190		6.3	11.8
444	347	Dalgety	348	+ 1	7.9	10.5
33	31	Daniels S	32		0.4	
272	226	Devro	246		3.9	14.2
114	61	Finlay (James)	87	+ 1	4.5	24.6
253	185	Geest	253	+ 4	4.0	87.3
20	16½	Global	18½		4.1	12.3
337	278	Greencore	332		2.5	13.9
114	99	Hazlewood Fds	102		8.2	
197	166	Hillsdown	176	+ 1	6.7	12.3
66	53	JLI Group	57		10.9	
410	310	Linton Park	404		4.6	
129½	95	Matthews (B)	101		4.2	9.7
231	212	Nichols (V)	228	+ 1	3.6	14.2
205	171	Nthn Foods	181	+ 1	4.2	11.5
13½	10½	Northdm Fn	12½		1.0	
118	105	Pascoe's	114			
11	8	Pengkalen (UK)	8			
86	69	Perkins Foods	81	- 1	8.9	13.4
67	52	Plant & Gard	60	+ 1½	5.6	
81	70	SeaPerfect	71			
263	86	Sentry Farm	210	+ 2	2.0	13.9
42	18	Stoc Food	31		12.1	10.4
488	449	Tate & Lyle	466	+ 6½	4.4	9.7
399	300	Tmat	397		2.3	12.9
462	392	Unigate	395	+ 1	6.1	10.1
1377	1172½	Unilever	1261	+ 4	2.9	
9850	8575	Unilever (NV)	9362½	- 75	2.5	
274	210½	Utd Biscuits	222	+ 6	5.5	
34	28	WT Foods	32		5.8	
92	65	Yorkshire Food	85		7.5	5.7

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1071	818	Amersham	1041		2.2	19.5
83	42	Anagen	45			
165	120	Assoc Nursg	141	+ 1	2.7	10.9
440	315	Bespak	393		3.2	27.2
540½	365½	Biocompat Intl	415	- 18		
118	74	Care UK	112		0.9	18.2
131	102	Celsis	121	+ ½		
309	243	Community H	309		3.7	15.4
31	24½	CrestaCare	30		3.7	
31	17	Environed	25			
115	68	Ferraris Group	105		2.9	15.4
178	111	Goldsborough	170		3.0	14.2
11½	6½	Greenacre	11½			16.8
948	773	Huntingdon Tec	933		1.1	31.8
82	57	Intercare Gp	64		6.8	15.3
310	293	Isotron	300		2.3	15.9
130½	88	Life Sciences	105		5.2	13.3
156	108	Lon Intl	154	+ ½	1.5	26.8
109	78	Nestor-BNA	100		3.9	17.3
14	10	Premier Health	11			
340	277	Quality Care	315	- 1	2.0	11.5
270	194	Scholl	255	- 1	3.4	19.7
513	395	Seton Healthc	487	+ 2	2.0	23.0
174	108	Shield Diag	165	+ 5		
216¼	178	Smith & Neph	207½	+ 2½	3.4	21.3
27	16	Specialeyes	17		5.5	0.5
180	130	Takare	139		2.3	10.1
3½	2	Taraxr	3½			
268	232½	UniChem	262	+ 1	3.8	13.6
337	300	West Hlthcare	324	- 1	2.2	14.9

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
256	192	Alsopengt	250		2.7	18.0
300	247	Alba	247	- 2	3.1	
48½	28½	Amrose	39½		6.4	9.1
125	85	BLP Group	119		3.5	11.3
80	40	Bilston Batts	71			25.2
50	37	Black Arrow	42	+ 1	8.2	7.3
285	253	Black (Peter)	256		2.5	16.3
138	91	Cowell Plc 'A'	136		0.6	
125	65	Creighton M	75		12.8	5.4
168	87	Dallyain	115		6.7	
273	178	Denby Group	225	+ 2	1.9	20.5
111	87	Eclipse Blinds	105	+ 1	1.2	
20	14	Elbief	17			
150	130	Gastell	145		3.8	12.7
538	433	IMP Intl	535		2.3	
35	25	Jourdan (T)	33		4.7	24.7
278	212	Ironwood App	212	- 2	5.9	9.6
50	10	Lionheart	10½			
185	121	McBride	135		6.2	13.7
297	256	Mayborn	288		3.1	15.4
865	365	Osborne & Little	830		2.4	14.7
465	441	Paterson Zoch	463		4.1	14.4
387	370	Paterson Zch 'A'	398		4.8	11.5
258	184	Pifco	233		2.8	14.5
246	174	Pifco 'A' Vtg	223		2.9	13.9
730	617	Reckitt Colman	698	+ 10	3.6	16.0
349	272	Relyon	312	- 2	3.0	18.5
306	247	Royal Doulton	274		3.9	13.5
257	175	Silentnight	248		4.0	16.3
25	16	Stoddard	21½		4.4	
305	252	Stoves	261	+ 2	2.2	20.1
235	185	Tomkinsons	225		6.4	15.4
95	75	Victoria Carpet	89		2.7	53.7
102	80	Walker Greenbk	93		5.0	16.8
87	59½	Wilsonf Widgeo	83		1.9	
195	175	Wood (Arthur)	195		4.2	12.0

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1431½	1175	Alex & Ales	1275	- 18½	0.5	
2487½	2162½	Ass Gen	2307½		3.5	
122	87	Angerstein	118		3.5	60.8
80	58	Archer	65	- 4	1.9	74.7
76	64	Bradstock	71		10.3	13.3
821	708	Britannic	773		2.7	28.7
120	93	CLM Insce	117½		2.9	64.6
630	558	Com Union	579	+ 3	6.1	7.9
142	111	Cox Insce	141			
1850	1545	Dom & Gen	1850	+ 5	2.4	17.9
221½	185½	FBD 'C'	210	- 8½	4.2	
159	93	Fenchurch Grp	98		11.1	6.6
129	105	Frenbury Under	126½		1.7	64.0
688	612	Gen Accident	645	- 1	6.0	6.6
288	218	GRE	248	+ 1	4.5	8.3
116	88	HCG Lloyds	115		3.4	38.1
114	74	Heath C E	97½	- 1½	7.7	
308¼	237½	Hibernian E	300½	+ ½	3.9	
138	103	Hiscox Select	139		2.3	55.0
507	373	Independent	461		3.1	9.2
271	246	Irish Life	250	- 1	5.8	21.6
119	97	JIB Group	114		8.2	23.5
113	97	Kiln Capital	113		4.4	
740	561	Legal & Gen	666	+ 1	4.6	16.8
2450	1705½	Liberty Life	2000	+ 21½	6.8	8.1
194	183	Lloyd Thomp	182		8.4	10.7
549	444	Lloyds Abbey	525	+ 5	5.1	13.2
438	389	Londn & Man	371		6.3	
134	100	London Ins Ml	133		3.3	35.1
153	131	Lowndes Lmb	137		8.0	
8583¼	5487¼	Marsh McLn	6162½	- 37½	3.3	
115	88	Medinsd	114		2.3	
206	146	Minet Hurst	203	- 2	4.8	13.9
107	82	New London Cap	106		3.6	28.0
100	54	Octium	88		4.9	38.0
142	105	Orkd	136		4.9	
39	31½	Prentam Trust	33		4.7	22.2
149	121	Pemaunie Under	144			
464	403	Prudential	410	+ 6	4.8	10.3
31½	20	PWS	20		3.4	9.3
540	430	Refuge	458		3.6	29.1
498	339	Royal	400	+ 6	6.3	6.7
152	114	Sedgwick	137		6.6	10.4
48	33	Steel Burrill	42		13.4	4.9
424	349	Sun Alliance	376	+ 6	6.3	7.1
243	220	Sun Life & P	222			
115	92	Syndicate Cap	114		3.8	32.8
846	705	Utd Friendly	745		4.2	6.9
169	141	Willis Corroon	151		5.5	13.7
75	15	Windsor	20		9.1	19.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
471½	406	3i	445	+ 3	2.3	37.3
229	185	Aberforth Smlr	220		2.9	42.3
128	99	Aberforth Sm Wts	122	- 2		
92½	71½	Abtrust Emerg	84½	+ ½	0.6	
78½	66	Abtrust High Inc	66	- 1	12.1	10.1
245	212	Abtrust N Dawn	227	+ 1	0.6	
2235	2023	Alliance	2156	+ 6	3.1	37.2
332	288	American Trust	327	+ 1	2.1	56.4
519	476	Anglo & O'seas	490	+ 5	2.0	54.0
96	78	Aust Opps	94		0.3	
144	122½	Baillie Gifford SN	140½			
238	208½	Bankers	218	+ 2½	2.6	43.6
69½	37½	Barng Em Eu	66	+ ½		
386	364	Baring Tribne	379	- 1	2.4	50.3
99	91½	Br Assets	96½	+ ½	6.0	20.0
112	94	Br Empire Sec	106½	+ ½	1.2	79.8
230	221	Br Invt	227		3.0	35.2
77½	67	Bradfort	77		2.1	
291	259	Brunner	273		2.2	41.5
132	118	BZW Conv	118½		5.3	14.1
523	425	Candover	461	+ 1	3.4	25.6
64½	39	Central Euro Gth	56		0.3	
223	172	Cont Assets	222		1.7	
75	67	Dartm Inc	67		14.9	7.8
380	325	Derby Cap	355			
180	141	Derby Inc	142½		17.0	7.4
744	674	Dunedin Inc G	677		5.1	21.7
98	84	Dunedin Japan	86½			
372	314	Dunedin Smlr	354		3.7	35.5
34	16	Dunedin Wts	21½			
885	791	Dunedin Worldwide	832	+ 1	1.4	72.6
116½	99½	Edin Dragon	99½			
30½	25	Edinburgh Inca	27½			
345	317½	Edinburgh	320	+ 1½	3.9	27.6
177	152	EFM Japan	161			
410	362	Electra Invt	381		2.5	62.8
254	232	Electric Gen	241½		1.9	64.2
156	143	English Scot	146	- ½		
405	332	European Assets	400	+ 2½	1.5	60.4
97	91½	Fidelity Asian Val	93½			
220	193	Fidelity Euro Val	218½		0.3	
85½	71½	Fidelity Jap Val	78½		0.7	
131	102	Fidelity Spec Val	125		0.5	
190	171½	Finsbury 'A'	183		2.5	
200½	174½	Fleming Am Chile	191½	+ ½	1.7	54.1
43½	27½	Fleming Am Wts	35½			
380	273	Fleming Amer	338	- 1	0.9	
129	103	Fleming Cap	104			
68½	54	Fleming Chinese	61½		1.8	72.1
44	25	Fleming Ch Wts	28½			
283	250	Fleming Claver	275		2.8	34.6
400	343	Fleming Contl	394	- 1	1.3	
160	136	Fleming Em Mkt	136			
273	244½	Fleming Entp	248		2.6	46.4
388	343½	Fleming F East	344	+ ½	0.5	
464	395	Fleming Fledg	460		0.8	
107	96	Fleming Hi Inc	96½		6.0	
107	100½	Fleming Income	101½		11.4	11.0
71½	51½	Fleming Indian	60½			
41	26	Fleming In Wts	29½	- ½		
43	35	Fleming Intl	39½		11.9	10.8
290	249	Fleming Japan	267½			
345½	286	Fleming Mercat	323	+ ½	3.0	34.3
123	95	Fleming Nat Res	110½	+ 1½	0.6	
368	330	Fleming Overs	337		1.7	
143	126	Fleming Smlr Co	140	- 1	1.9	30.2
42	29	Fleming Smlr Wt	41			
171	147	Foreign & Col	156	+ ½	1.7	
113	94	F&C Inc Gwth	94		4.5	27.6
116	103½	F&C Emg Mkts	103½			
108	85½	F&C Enterprise	104½		1.4	65.5
305	257	F&C Eurotst	304	+ 1	0.5	
142	125	F&C German	136		0.6	
207	183½	F&C Pacific	195		1.2	67.9
147	134	F&C PEP	142		3.5	33.1
300	172	F&C Smaller	187½	- 1	1.6	
147	127	F&C US Smlr	138			
18	14	Fulcrum Cap	14½			
35	29	Fulcrum Inc	29			27.1
170½	161	Fulcrum Zero	169½			
223	209	Gartmore Brit	222		4.1	
213	208	Gartmore Ent	210	- 1	2.4	45.3
197	172	Gartmore Euro	193		0.8	
90	76	Gartmore Shrd	76		16.3	7.6
307	243	Gartmore Smlr Cos	305		2.4	53.2
88	72	Geared Inc Inv	75		14.4	9.3
183	151	Genl Cons Cap	177	+ 1		
107	100	Genl Inc	106		11.3	10.6
102½	98	German Invt	100½		0.6	
258	214	Gov Asn Sm Cos	220½		0.3	
121	104	Gov Emg Mks	109½		0.3	
243	177	Govett Am Smlr	226			
99	84	Gov Glob Smlr	96½	+ ½		
78	66	Govett High Inc	70		10.0	11.8
218	189½	Govett Oriental	206½	+ 1½	0.4	
341	287	Govett Strategic	334	+ 1	2.6	43.6
503	437	Greenfriar	484	- 4	1.8	57.8
11	8	Gresham House	11			2.0
180	93½	GT Inc Growth	97			
258	221	GT Japan	226		0.7	
94	83	Guin Fl Ex Inc	84		11.4	
40½	35	Henderson Am Cp	40			
105	101½	Henderson Am Inv	103		9.5	
14	9½	Henderson Am Wt	13½			
125	112½	Hend High	112½	- ½	6.6	17.4
494	364	Hend Strata	471		0.4	
158	127	Herald	145½		0.6	
103	93	Herald C	93			
90	71	High Income Tr	83	+ ½	9.0	
157	127	H Govett Smlr	152	- 1	1.9	64.5
110½	93½	HTR Jap Smaller	107	- ½		
15	9	I&S Ent	14½			
147	114	I&S UK Smlr	145		2.5	33.2
148	129	Inv Cap	137½	+ ½	5.0	23.5
157	101	Inv Biotech	139	- 4	0.9	
70	33	Inv Wts	47	- 2		
115	98	Inv C	105	- 1		
114	95½	INVESCO Asia	99½	- ½	0.8	
65	52	INVESCO Bloor	52	- 1	20.2	
181	135	INVESCO Eng Inv	173	+ 2	0.7	58.4
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dsc	85		0.4	
137	116	INVESCO Korea	116			
63½	52½	INVESCO Tokyo	55½			
95½	69	J Fry 2nd Ut	76		11.3	9.5
79	68	J Fry Euro U	77		7.2	14.1
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	250½	- ½		
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	80		12.2	8.8
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncW	6			
83	70	Jupiter Gld Cap	74		13.4	9.2
29	24½	Jupiter Gd Pld	27½			
128	108	Jupiter Intl Gth	119		3.9	
282	252	Kleinwort Chtr	277	+ 1	2.5	48.9
130	114	Kleinwort E Mkt	119½			
154	133	Kleinwort Endwt	153			
95	80	Klnwt Euro Prvt	92	+ ½	3.1	40.7
29½	19½	Klnwt Euro Wts	27½	+ ½		
87	74	Kleinwt H Inc	80		13.4	8.6
298	273	Klnwt O'seas	277	+ 1	1.6	73.8
172	136	Klnwt Smlr	164		2.5	48.5
611	524	Korea—Euro	530½		0.1	
118½	85½	Latin American	107	- ½		
1035	920	Law Debenture	971	- 1	2.9	34.6
117	99	Lloyds Sm Cap	115			
27	23½	Lloyds Sm Div	24		20.1	6.2
142	126	Lloyds Sm Pkg	141		3.4	
174	156	Lon St Lawrence	156	- 1	5.0	26.2
353	310	Lowland	310	- 1	4.2	27.5
648	608	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	615			
114	95	M&G 2nd Dual In	104			
3150	2903	M&G Dual Cap	3130			
235	173	M&G Dual Inc	195			2.4
66	55½	M&G Inc Geared	56½		11.7	
33	27½	M&G Inc Inv 1st Cp	29	+ ½		
34	27	M&G Inc Inv 1st Inc	27½		23.9	
133	122	M&G Inc Package	125	+ ½	5.3	
68	65½	M&G Inc Zero Div	68	+ ½		
25	21	M&G Rec Cap	24½	+ ½		
49½	44½	M&G Rec Geared	49½	+ ½	10.9	
26½	23	M&G Rec Inc	25½	+ ½	20.8	
148	133	M&G Rec Package	148	+ 1½	3.6	
94	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	93			
144	114	M Curric Euro	140		0.7	
112	99	M Curris Japan	105			
187	143	M Curric Pac	158	+ 1	0.7	
242	222	Majedie	232		3.4	35.7
290	246	Merchants	246	- 1	6.6	20.3
102	91	Mercury Euro Prvt	99	+ ½	2.4	38.2
32	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	29½	- ½		
110	92	Mercury World	97½	+ 1	1.3	73.7
21	16½	Murray Intl Wts	17½			
615	511	Murray Inv Tst	585	+ 2	2.1	35.5
172½	151	Murray Inc	163		3.9	27.6
70½	54	Murray Wts	64			
78½	57½	Murray Sml	72		3.4	
37	20	Murray Wts	35½			
131	111	Murray Euro	125½	+ 1	2.4	46.0
24	17	Murray Ent Wts	20			
55	41	Murray Emg Euro	47½		1.3	79.1
35½	21	Murray Em Fe Wt	24½			
76	54	Murray Euro	64½		0.7	
372	346	Murray Income	347		4.2	28.6
429	377	Murray Intl	410		3.8	30.0
129½	100	Murray S/C DP	150½			
151	135	Murray S/C Cap	140	- 2		
73	66	Murray S/C Inc	68		11.9	6.0
3150	2350	Murray S/C Inc	3100		0.4	
511	434	Murray Smoll	475		1.3	
380	355	Murray Vent	375		4.0	30.7
8	7	Newmarket	8			
59	50	Newmarg Inc	52		12.0	9.3
70	58	Nthm	60			
415	377	Orient Inv Tst	386	+ 2	1.1	
218	183	Orient Wts	191	+ 1		
147	131	Pacific Assets	133		0.7	
93½	80½	Perpetual Jap	84½			
363	287	Perp UK Sm Co	349		0.8	73.5
£126	£111½	Personal Assets	£124½		2.2	45.0
125	103	Pilot Inv	113		2.1	48.1
137	108	Prolific Inc	125½		4.9	27.9
249	210	RIT Cap Ptnr	241		0.9	
500	450	Rebeco	482		2.1	
542	475	Rolinco	542		1.4	
170½	105½	Schrd Asia Pac	118½	+ ½		
132	111	Schrd Inc Gwth	117		4.3	
95	78½	Schrd Jap Gwth	87½	- ½		
977½	787½	Schrod Korea	787½			
362	291	Schrod Midcm	359		3.7	
27½	20	Schrod Split Cap	20½			
102	92	Schrod Split Inc	100		10.2	11.1
132½	126	Schrod Split Zer	132½	- ½		
136	117	Schrod UK Gwth	127½	- ½	2.9	45.4
261	254	Scott	265½	+ ½	2.7	46.0
177½	159	Scot American	168½	+ ½	3.8	30.1
358	294	Scot Asian	312	+ 1		
1015	773	Scot Invs	875			
106	94	Scot Eastern	99	- ½	2.2	51.4
278	253	Scot Mtge	265½	+ 1		44.8
85	80	Scot Natl Tst	82		10.5	11.8
131	110	Scot Value	116		2.2	54.4
2011	1823	Second Alliance	1952	- 3	2.0	40.5
96½	68	Sec Tst of Scot	93	- ½	4.3	24.8
147	130	Shires Smlr	139		5.2	21.9
378	345	St Andrews Inv	374		3.0	40.4
388	342	Temple Bar	342		3.3	21.2
177	106	Thrdn Asian E	121			
98	75	Throg Dual Cr	95			
80½	74½	Throgmorton	79½		3.6	44.5
140½	125½	Trplon Emg Mkt	139½	- ½	0.7	
173	152	TR City Of Lon	152½	- ½	4.2	
256½	193	TR Euro Growth	255		0.8	
193	173	TR Far East	183	- ½	4.4	29.9
136	116	TR High Inc	116	- ½	6.5	17.5
131	114	TR Pacific	125½	+ ½	0.2	
32½	27½	TR Property	29½		4.2	
233	203½	TR Smlr Cos	223½	+ 1	2.2	54.8
311	167	TR Tech Inv	271	- 1	1.3	
249	185	Trbey Trust	201		1.4	68.5
137½	117	Undervalued Ast	135		2.2	49.6
132	124	Value Inc Tst	129½	- 1	4.2	29.3
90	77	Voyageur Eu Smt	89		0.8	
36	33	Warrants & Val	32½			
76	56	Wigmore	74		1.5	77.2
276½	253	Witan	268½	+ ½	3.1	38.6
82	74	Yeoman Inc	81		2.2	5.1

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
525½	361	Airtours	514	- 1	3.5	14.8
49	42	Allo Leis	43	- 1		16.4
55	43	Arcadian	50		2.5	79.3
173	125	BS Group	170		3.3	
173	119	Baldwin	129		4.4	9.0
238	217	Barr & Wallc	238		5.8	17.9
264	204	Bluebird Toys	249	+ 4	4.5	9.6
758	478	Boosey Hawks	720		1.2	34.4
7½	1½	Brent Walker	2¼	- ½		
39	31	Burndene	34	- 1	2.2	13.4
248	195	Capital Corps	223		4.6	25.7
8½	5½	Clubhaus	7½	+ 1½		13.9
251	203	Eurocamp	218	- 1	6.3	9.8
208	139	Euro Disney	172			
183	148	Euro Leisure	163			4.5
22½	13½	Farmington	15			
86	62	First Choice	78		7.1	
400	347	First Leisure	357		2.8	20.6
190	142	Friendly Hotels	165		4.3	22.0
879	619	Granada	836	- 2	1.8	20.2
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	49		3.3	
265	148	Hornby	205	+ 10½	2.8	
553	423	Hodlock	526		2.7	19.3
292	201	Jurys Hotel	292	+ 4½	2.8	
31½	23½	Kunick	27½		3.0	22.9
207	143	Ladbroke	185½	+ 3	4.0	28.8
573	425	London Clubs	558		3.5	18.5
489	188	Man Utd	462	+ 24	1.3	15.0
96½	77½	Mandarin Orntl	90½		3.9	19.7
345	278	Millennium & Cop	329		1.8	
142	89	Northern	129		3.9	14.6
146	114	Prism Leisure	141		4.5	9.8
38	28	Queensborough	33			
32	17½	Queens Moat	18½			5.7
547	442	Rank Org	486	- 1	4.1	15.6
47	31	Ryan Hotels Ir	46		4.2	
1390	930	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1340		1.3	53.9
215	175	Sinclair (Wm)	196		4.9	12.6
115	80	Stakis	110		2.2	21.4
503	335	Stanley Leisure	502		1.5	26.1
20½	11½	Tandem	15½			
346	346	Tanoog	346		1.5	
508	223½	Tottenham Hot	481		1.2	8.8
120	85	Toy Options	93		3.5	11.6
348	257	VCI	348		2.6	20.1
138	104	Vardon	130		1.7	15.9
376	306	Wembley	358			
130	110	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	10.5

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Abbott Mead	608		1.9	31.9
305	175	Adscene	180	- 1	5.9	9.3
58½	37½	Aegis Gp	53½			19.3
18	14	BBB Design	16			
425	273	Barbour Index	380	- 10	3.0	57.2
9	5½	Birkdale	6			
340	325	Black (A&C)	330		5.3	12.9
463	238	Blenheim Grp	431	- 1	3.0	20.8
318	248	Border TV	275		2.0	22.7
410	355	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
484½	376	BSkyB	444	+ 3	1.4	40.7
188	133	CIA Gp	166		1.0	22.1
27	16½	Caledonian Med	26	+ 1		
734	533	Capital Radio	642	- 1	2.1	24.2
534	379½	Carlton Comm	503	- 2	2.5	17.0
558	363	Chrysalis	538		0.6	
	75	City of London	54			7.6
138	50	Cordiant	114	+ 4		
173½	132½	Daily Mail	156½		1.4	28.6
1608¼	1168¼	Daily Mail 'A'	1571½	+ 9½	1.5	
646	495	Dorling Kind	589	- 3	0.9	41.7
752	530	EMAP	696	- 8	1.0	29.2
1091	845½	Elsevier	927½	- 7½	2.2	24.5
1338	1033	Euromoney	1362		4.2	24.3
47½	13	Fish	45½			15.6
535	442	Frontech	503	- 1		
261	198	GGT Group	233	- 1	2.9	17.8
299½	174	GWR Grp	214		1.4	25.7
350	290	Geyrmour Group	245	- 2	2.5	15.9
26	18	Goodhead	25		3.4	
271	217	Grampian	265		2.5	27.3
401	284	HTV Group	342	- 5	1.4	33.0
328	277½	Haynes Pub	312		4.0	15.2
25	17	Highbury Hse	19			
260	213	Hodder Head	218	- 1	3.7	18.1
166	145	Home Counties	145		4.2	12.9
334	273	IBC	314		2.2	12.3
22	10½	Incepta	21			
325½	232	Independent	293		2.3	34.8
110	98	Intereurope	99		9.7	18.9
207½	134½	Johnson Press	191	- 2	1.6	23.0
24	13	Lopex	15	- 1	3.6	9.3
345	142	MAI	339	+ 3		
329	220	Maiden	307	- 1		
71	59	Medialink	64		1.9	
990	647	Metal Bulletin	952		1.7	33.6
155	115	Midland Ind	135		3.5	16.2
241	175	Mirror Group	226		2.4	14.5
666	455	More O'Ferrall	651		1.7	19.3
393	332	News Corp	367	- 1	0.4	10.3
419	293	News Intl	410	- 2	1.0	16.1
42	20	Osprey Comms	36			
744	618	Pearson	657	- 12	3.1	22.6
205	167	Phonelink	190			
740	575	Portsmth Sund	625		2.3	14.2
316	249	Quarto	300		3.3	12.4
1210	980	Reed Intl	1093	- 11	2.5	
814	586	Reuters	716	- 2	1.7	33.1
402	256	Scot Radio	376		1.3	23.5
741	462	Scot TV	647		3.1	21.6
57½	36	Shandwick	51½		3.1	3.6
56	20	Sleepy Kids	30	- 2	2.4	
374	267	Scotsman	323		1.3	24.2
30	23	Sterling Pub	29	- 1		
49½	35	Taylor Nelson	48½		2.8	22.2
569	410	Telegraph	465		2.3	31.5
175	113	Television Co	158	- 2	1.1	33.9
1103	866	Thomson Corp	1025	- 5	4.5	21.1
1873	1509	Thorn EMI	1737	- 19	2.6	33.8
459	342	Trinity Intl	426	- 2	3.4	
278	239	Ulster TV	243		2.6	22.5
756	553	United News	670	- 10	4.2	23.2
140	111	VTR	112		6.1	11.1
263	216	Vizual Action	226		2.2	16.6
221	157	WPP	221	- 4	0.7	23.3
92	66	Wiremgtrol	83	+ ½	0.4	23.4
1238	680	Yorkshire TV	1235		1.4	42.1

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
5175	3900	Ang Am Coal	4600		3.7	
4990½	3887½	Ang Am	4037½	- 43½	2.1	
7387½	5137½	Ang Am Gold	5850	- 31½	2.6	
27½	13½	Anglo Pac Res	23			
37	23	Ascon Intl	24	- 1		
1809½	1145½	Ashanti	1265½	- 13½	1.3	16.3
121	84	Ashton	97	- 1	6.5	
585	275	Bakyrchik	417	- 19		
698½	522½	Beatrix	530½		3.5	28.3
33	28½	Blecks	32		3.0	38.9
148½	100½	Blyvoors	113½	- 3½		
35	29	Bougainville	30			
21½	8½	Bracken	16		4.6	
1½	1	Bume	1			
1142	912	CRA	971	- 12	3.1	21.3
320	93	Central Pacific	265	- 10		
151	115	Cons Murchison	136		3.8	4.4
2268½	1837½	De Beers	2206½	+ 16½	2.3	25.8
84½	51½	Deelkraal	62½	+ 2½	1.2	
1109½	809½	Doornkloof	874	+ 30½	2.5	
748	546	Durban	593½	+ 27		
191	147½	E Rand Gold	155½	- ½	12.4	8.1
77½	31½	E Rand Prop	40			
100	62	Eastern Trans	100			
471½	317½	Elandsrand	380½	- 8½	2.5	40.5
360	254	Eng China Cl	274	+ 1	7.6	12.9
777½	489½	FS Cons	665½	+ 2½	1.2	
58	31	FS Dev	38		3.2	
2543¼	1943¼	GFSA	1987½	- 25	1.6	32.0
80	60	GM Kalgoorl	65	- 2	3.1	
282½	220½	Gencor	232½	- 2½	1.3	24.5
170	124	Gold Fields Prop	124		7.2	9.3
17	12½	Greenwich R 'A'	14½			
264	140	Grootvlei	160½	- ½	3.2	34.3
165½	103	Gwalia Cons	158	- 3	0.6	28.9
887½	568½	Harmony	671½	+ 5½	0.9	
288½	162½	Hartebst	224½	- ½	6.6	
1500	912½	Impala Plat	968½	- 9½	2.4	18.2
118	86	Kidston	88		13.7	7.9
993½	616½	Kinross	725	+ 3½	1.0	51.5
979½	603½	Kloof	681½	- 9½	2.1	
93½	65	Leslie	83½	+ 5	3.6	18.7
330½	186½	Loraine	251½	+ 12½		
48	15	Mecklaltam	32	- 1		
120	75	MIM	78	- 1	3.2	
2025	1500	Minorco	1500		2.7	
132	82	Monarch	120	- 2		
180	145	Montiegle	155		2.9	38.3
78	28	NSM	55		3.4	
211	173	Nth Brkn Hill	186	+ 2	3.0	25.7
318	213	Peleling Tin	303		0.3	
155	87	Placer Pac	87	- 3	3.5	
625	521	RJB	536	- 4	3.7	7.9
1080	867	RTZ	945	- 15	3.5	13.7
64	46	Rachwood	56	- ½	6.7	8.8
135½	27½	Rand Mines	112		10.9	9.2
642	389½	Randfontein	401	- 8½	4.8	29.7
390	295	Renison	307	- 3	1.6	12.1
1478½	881½	Rustnbrg	1018½	- 12½	3.2	22.1
48	38	St Barbara	40	- 1	3.8	9.4
597½	360½	St Helena	360½	- 8½	4.8	16.9
500	350	Sons Gwalia	422	- 3	3.0	25.7
120	35	Smlen Pacific	107	- 2		
3040½	1721½	Southvaal	2308½	- 53½	3.1	
103½	48½	Stilfontein	58½	- 16½	7.5	16.7
306½	168½	Unisel	264½	+ 15½	3.1	27.0
7406½	4090½	Vaal Reefs	5387½	- 53½	3.0	33.0
17½	14½	Wankie Col 21	16½		9.0	
1½	1	Water Hall	1½			
550	505	Wallis Blake	515		3.7	16.2
3668½	2112½	Western Deep	2540¾	+ 3½	2.1	47.6
519½	394	Western Mng	428½	- 13½	2.4	24.9
737½	450	Winkels	550		2.7	28.5
49	30	Zambia Copper	40			
48	30	Zandpan	37		6.8	

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77	51	Abbot Group	76		1.5	
5	2½	Alliance Res	2½	+ ¼		
50½	38	Aus Oil & Gas	45½	- ½		
46	25	Bowa Pet	33	+ 1		
606	319½	Br Borneo	556	- 2	1.7	26.1
267½	171½	British Gas	183	+ ½	9.9	9.2
603	512½	Br Petroleum	593	+ 10½	3.5	17.5
3½	1½	Bula Resources	2½			
1094	933	Burmah Castrol	1019	+ ½	4.1	15.2
309	116	Cairn Energy	292	- 5		
282	232	Calor Gp	243		6.4	16.0
71	56	Clyde Pet	69		2.1	22.5
18½	7½	Coplex Res	9			
1½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
23	20	Edin Oil & Gs	21		1.5	14.6
476	353	Enterprise	473	+ 8	4.2	25.9
9½	6½	Fortune	9			45.8
21	11½	Gt Western Res	17			
261	198	Hardy Oil	256		0.5	
5½	4½	Intl Tool & Sup	4½			
191	138	JKX Oil & Gas	180			
198	163	LASMO	177	+ 2	0.7	
41	38	Lasmo Units	41		21.5	
70	57½	Monument	61½	+ 2		34.1
3221½	2687½	Norsk Hydro	3137½	- 12½	1.9	9.6
27	17	Oceonics	19			
87	53	Oil Search	64			
46½	27½	Pelroz	35½	+ ½		
33	26½	Premier	30½	- ½	2.0	11.8
58	42	Pitkedeli Rs	44		1.4	
643	379	Ramco Egypt	618		0.2	
503	390	Ranger	475		4.3	8.0
£101½	8740½	Royal Dtch Ft	9975	+ 75	3.6	19.9
5918½	4293½	Schlumberger	5625	+ 84½	1.7	
96	74	Seafield	74			
948	822	Shell	945½	+ 16½	4.4	19.8
4806½	4109½	Total	4740½		3.2	17.6
401	330	Woodside	387	- 6	1.0	
28	15	XCL	21			

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	102½	Aberdeen Tst	102½		3.4	20.2
119	77	BWD	111		5.6	13.4
40	34½	Berry Bch Nbit	38		2.8	
345	252	Bistec Inv	328			
205	151	Brewin Dolphin	202		4.3	14.2
805	700	Caledonia	770		2.9	25.0
2500	1700	Camellia	2500		1.7	20.8
376	213	Cattles	243		3.5	17.5
41	18	Cheadle	41			
147	90	EFT Group	126		2.1	15.0
725	658	EFM	683		4.6	16.7
118	91	Exco	92		12.2	11.1
1203	1015	Henderson Adm	1160		4.5	19.6
282	229	Investec	244½	- 2½	2.2	16.5
46	41	Investment Co	45		6.4	13.9
370	259	Ivory Sime	370		2.6	30.0
230½	183½	Jardine Strat	203½	- ½	4.6	
166	98	Johnson Fry	138		3.6	6.2
357	328	Liberty Intl	350	- 20	5.0	20.5
295	218	Lon Forfaiting	284		4.5	14.8
261	216	London Pacific	252	- 1	7.4	12.5
117	8½	Lon Scot Brt	108		3.0	20.3
186	130	Man ED & F	175		7.5	
1264	1157	M & G	1148		2.2	21.3
990	841	MAM	966	+ 2	8.5	
109	94	Nat Home Loans	101		1.2	4.5
2575	1650	Perpetual	2363	+ 5	2.2	21.0
436	335	Provident	462		3.4	15.5
335	310	Rathbone Br	332		5.9	15.0
56½	41½	Rutland Tst	53½		2.5	19.5
457	390	S & U	392	+ 2	5.1	
134	103	SVP Capital	119		3.5	30
607	499½	Smith Pacific	566½	- 1½	2.1	22.2
57	37	Tonry Law	35			
8	2	Tbi Hldgs	6½			

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3500½	1837	BM Biotech	2365	- 12		
715	340	Cantab Pharm	647	- 1		
693	473½	Celltech	588	- 30		
568	354	Chiroscience	458	- 5		
447	166	Cortecs	319	+ 1		
969	761	Glaxo Wellcome	863½	- 2½	4.2	18.0
286	208	Medeva	253	- 1½	2.0	15.0
249	198	Peptide Ther	215	- 10		
808	524	Scotia	745	- 2		
284	183	Shire Pharm	250			
95	75	SilvPharm	93			
726½	629½	SmithKline	720	- 13	2.5	20.0
633	573	Vanguard	573	- 10		
1450	1216	Zeneca	1411	- 9	2.1	25.3

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
152	120	AG Holdings	149		4.5	12.5
680	542	APPP	680		1.9	22.6
140	91	App Hse	135	- 6		
212	164	Arjo Wiggins	174	- 1	5.4	36.1
225	159	Aspen Comm	176	- 1	4.0	11.2
237	183	Bemrose	193	- 1	5.1	10.6
173	136	Bladden	155		1.3	23.2
2735	2168½	Bowater inc	2421½	- 26½		
315	209	Bemrose Intl	302		1.1	35.5
770	645	Br Polythene	731		2.2	15.4
22	16	Br Thornton	16			
168	149	Britton Grp	150		2.5	15.6
243	191	Bunzl	230	- 1	3.2	15.0
210	173	Capital Inds	177	- 1	4.7	11.6
337	279	Cropper (James)	329		1.5	
755	579	De La Rue	612	- 18	4.9	14.4
95	73	Delyn Group	75		3.5	
172	131	Dolphin Pack	156		2.9	19.0
102	96	Fairway Group	103		4.7	17.6
267	190	Ferguson Intl	251	- 15	5.6	13.3
275	225	Fulmar	260		1.6	16.1
177	112	Inveresk	119	- 5	6.2	10.5
210	145	Jarvis Porter	145		5.1	12.2
670	456	Low & Bonar	537		3.1	14.6
93	66	MY Holdings	93		2.9	17.9
263	215	Macfarlane	240	- 2	2.0	20.4
134	112	Nosto Gp	115		6.7	9.9
434	324	Photobition	374		3.2	
201	162	Plysul	167		5.5	17.3
51	32	Porter Chadbn	38			13.7
410	325	REXAM	340	- 7	5.2	13.7
495	436	St Ives Gp	461		2.4	16.8
1047½	651½	Sappi	697	- 5½	0.6	
8	6	Serif	6			
149	87½	Sidlaw	93		10.1	15.4
320	254	Smith David	290	- 3	3.0	9.5
184	147	Smurfit (Jeff)	174		3.0	
79	77	Somet	77		4.9	
284	170	Wace	171		4.3	10.0
260	196	Waddington (J)	239		4.9	
481	414	Watmough	420		2.8	16.8
243	180	Wyndeham	240		3.0	19.1

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
74	57	Allied Lon	68	- ½	7.4	7.6
353	313	Argent	348			18.3
78	57½	Ariestan Ests	64		1.5	15.4
148	116	Asda Prop	143		2.3	23.6
52	37	Ashquay Grp	49	- 1		
235	168	Bilton	213		6.1	14.9
179	150	Birkby	178		5.3	12.1
25	13	Bolton Gp	16	- 1		
47	38	Bourne End	43		3.5	27.6
340	307	Bradford	216	+ 1	4.5	
130	97	Brightstone	118		4.6	97.2
445	376	Br Land	425	- 2	2.5	35.3
194	167	Brixton	170	- 2	6.4	15.5
142½	102½	Burford	128	+ 1½	1.9	43.5
107	92	CLS Hldgs	107		6.1	13.7
191	148	Cap & Regnl	179		1.7	21.7
294	216	Cap Shop Ctrs	293		3.2	28.9
190	145	Cardill Prop	190		1.9	36.8
19½	13½	Carlisle	13½	- ½		
14½	9	Catney Ind	11			
269½	170½	Chelsfield	259		1.3	41.0
462	430	Chesterfield	453		3.7	
139	66	Chelston Inl	107		3.5	15.8
43	30½	City Site Ests	42			
8½	6	Clarke Nickolls	6½	- ½	6.0	9.4
137	109	Compco	136		3.1	17.3
385	232	Cpn Rebial	232	- 1	3.2	25.9
1215	1125	Daejan	1215	+ 10	3.7	
3½	2	Davis Estates	2½			
53	39	Debenho Tsn	49	- 1	3.9	
156	136	Derwent	153		3.3	11.8
378	307	Derwent Hdge	348		2.0	30.5
194	167	Development Sec	181		1.6	
45	35	Dwyer	45	+ 1	3.4	11.9
103	95	Edge Properties	100			
400	340	Estates Agency	360		5.6	23.6
66	56	Estates Gen	57			
124	104	Evans Of Leeds	113	- 1	3.4	17.6
15	9½	Ex-Lands Prop	9½		6.6	
57	55	Fiscal Prop	56		4.6	26.6
28½	22	Five Oaks	26½		3.5	12.6
29	19	Fletcher King	28		6.9	
69	58	Folkes Group	64		3.2	
69	53	Folkes Group nv	61		3.4	
518	453	Frogmore	492	- 8	4.6	23.2
293	228	Grainger	291		2.8	19.6
165	161	Gt Portland	167½	- 1½	6.7	17.4
162	139	Greycoat	139		0.7	
90	36	Hambro Cntyw	84			
400	330½	Hammerson	368	- 3	3.6	24.1
399	314	Helical Bar	384		2.4	13.7
29	23½	Hemingway	28½		2.2	18.1
45	30½	High-Point	45			
158½	118	HK Land	144½	- ½	5.1	16.3
170	160	Jermyn	161		3.5	27.7
1	0½	Kendell	0½			
96	86	LSH	86			
133	127	Lands Imp	132	+ 1		
679	599	Land Secs	624	+ 1	5.2	18.4
286	268	London Indl	269		6.0	
37	28½	Lon & Assoc	35½	- ½	2.6	18.9
5½	3	Lon & Metro	5½	+ ½		
94	86	Lon Merch Sect	88		6.5	
435	386½	MEPC	410	- 1	6.1	21.1
8	5½	McInerney A	8			
130	122	McKay Secs	126		5.2	18.0
75	50	Merivale Mre	62		8.1	6.5
33	26	Moorfield Es	29		3.2	37.7
1100	975	Mountview	1075		3.2	
150	130	Muckow (A&J)	130		6.3	17.6
45	30	OEM	37	+ 1		5.9
83	62	ORB	64			
33	22	Olives Prop	27	+ 1	1.9	21.3
156	126	PSIT	137		5.1	15.0
429	308	Peel	385		1.9	
181	143	Pillar Prop	161		3.6	46.6
2	½	Power Corpn	2			
4½	3½	Premier Land	3½			
29	22	Raglan	27		5.1	17.1
32½	20½	Regalian	29½		2.1	
173	123	Rowlinson Secs	160		2.0	
98	84	Rugby Est	94		2.9	23.7
61	55	St Modwen Prp	58		4.5	9.6
63	53	Savile Grdn (J)	54		6.9	13.1
79	52	Savills	79	+ 1	4.0	14.6
78	70	Scot Met	76		4.3	13.0
147	134	Shaftesbury	147	+ 1	1.5	30.0
240	192½	Slough Estates	223	- 2	4.8	20.4
215	203	Smart (J)	210		5.4	9.3
51	33	Southend Prop	37		8.6	
138	96	Specity Shops	118		3.5	36.0
74½	53	TBI	74½	+ 3	0.3	28.3
136	122	Tops Ests	131		2.4	29.2
98	87	Town Centre	93		4.4	14.6
126	97	Trafford Park	115		3.6	11.8
147	64	UK Land	132½	- 1½	3.9	
61	42	WSP Group	56		4.9	
205	180	Warner	187		8.1	18.1
308	195	Warnford	208		4.8	15.8
79	65	Watts	73	+ ½		
35	24	Warner Mck	27			
70	41	Wood John DP	69	+ 4	3.6	21.4

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
122	101½	ASDA Group	119½	+ ½	2.6	
717	637	Brake Bros	714		1.7	
47½	31	Budgen	45½	+ 1	3.2	10.0
18½	13½	Cullens	17½		3.7	46.8
69	51½	Dairy Farm Intl	55½	- ½	7.0	8.0
310	281	Farepak	307		3.3	13.0
66	41	Fitzwilton	61		5.1	14.0
120	105	Fyffes	107		2.0	11.4
1370	1150	Greggs	1380		2.4	17.1
161	142	Iceland Group	152	- 1	4.3	8.9
520	428	Kwik Save	456	- 3	5.5	9.8
177	142	Morrison (W)	161	+ 1	1.1	15.0
179	139	Nurdin Peack	146	+ 1	6.2	21.8
109	73	Park Foods	103		3.7	
12	5½	Regina Hlth	5½			
361	294	Safeway	339	+ 1	4.7	13.7
425	355	Sainsbury J	368	- 9	4.1	13.6
317	261	Tesco	302½	+ 4½	4.0	13.4
161	133	Thorntons	161	+ 4	4.1	18.5
575	493	Watson & Philip	532		3.9	15.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
159	81	Alexon	150	+ 4		37.0
249	164	Allders	198		4.5	12.7
789½	588	Argos	744	- 1½	2.3	25.3
215	136	Ashley (Laura)	196	+ 2	0.3	67.8
246	150	Austin Reed	213	- 1	3.5	29.0
144	126	Beattie (J)	144		5.8	17.0
131	95	Bentalls	114	+ 1	2.4	56.8
129	67	Betterware	111	+ 3½	2.9	19.9
189	49½	Blacks Leis	189	+ 3	1.5	
188	141	Body Shop	178		2.4	16.6
650	574	Boots	587	+ 1	3.9	16.5
28	16	Brown & Jackson	19			
353	253	Brown (N)	353		2.0	24.5
180½	125	Burton	154½	+ 1½	1.9	25.1
175	108	Cantors	175		2.1	
644	420	Carpetright	571	- 1	3.2	
231	186	Christies Intl	211	- 1	1.7	26.6
485	363	Church	480		3.8	17.8
155	111	Clinton Cards	135		4.7	10.5
181	147	Clty Casuals	170	- 2	4.0	
1023	748	Courts Fnwsh	898		1.1	
215	180	Crown Eyeg	205		6.7	8.0
500	381	DFS Furniture	543		2.0	30.4
552	403½	Dixons Grp	524	+ 4	1.8	28.2
580	580	Ellis (Wimbdn)	580		4.1	
9½	7	ERA Gp	7½		1.5	
116	82	Essex Furn	82	- 2	6.6	22.6
205	153	Etam	200		0.8	
531	410	Fine Art Devt	515	- 1	4.0	15.5
114	66	Fired Earth	92		2.7	15.2
180	128	Flying Flw Lts	170		2.4	16.1
210	143	French Conn	210	+ 6	1.2	
185	93	Frost Group	95	- 1	9.2	6.9
83	75	Gieves	78		3.6	14.3
343	194	Goldsmiths Gp	306		1.8	20.2
770	645	GUS	670	+ 3	2.9	17.7
383	301	Hamleys	381		2.7	
110	80	Hampden Grp	109		2.3	15.5
190	152	Hse of Fraser	173		4.0	33.7
78	49½	Hughes (TJ)	64	- 1	5.2	20.0
210	135	Innovations	183		1.3	7.2
299½	180	JJB Sports	267	- 1	1.4	28.7
658	504	Kingfisher	635	- 2	3.2	20.6
290	168	Kingsbury Grp	288		1.3	22.5
415	275	Liberty	400		0.6	
459	359	Lloyds Chem	478		2.7	18.2
188	139½	MFI	179	- 2	2.1	
475	410½	Marks & Spencer	451	+ 4½	3.0	19.9
635	555	Menzies (John)	565		3.7	14.0
21	15½	Merchant Retail	20			
1305	615	Moss Bros	1275		1.4	21.0
556	470	Next	551	- 1	2.2	27.3
63	42	Oliver (G)	45			
535	405	Ottakar	502		3.2	
58	42	OC Hldgs	45		4.5	
19	9½	Rhino Grp	15			
260	191	Roseby's	243		2.8	20.2
105	92	Sears	99		6.0	
39	14½	Signet Group	16			
486	399	Smith WH	467	- 3	4.3	35.1
1010	820	Sotheby's	935		1.1	23.3
362	291	Storehouse	317	- 3		
130	98	Stylo	116			
231	181	T & S Stores	219		4.1	12.8
171	160	Tie Rack	160½		1.7	16.6
31½		Upton & Sth	34½			
664	542	Vendome	604	- 4	7.1	
26	17	WEW Group	23	- 1	1.9	
141	66	Wickes	69		3.5	
94	52	Wid of Leather	54		1.9	
272	193	Wyevale	261		3.3	17.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	893	ADT	1367			
135	100	Alpha Airprt	106		5.4	11.5
38	25	Alphameric	35			
45	35	Arb Sec	45	- 1		
239	173	BET Ord	220	- 2	2.2	21.9
370	179	BHs Res	182	- 1	3.1	35.3
400	285	BPP	399	- 2	3.6	29.9
196	155	BSM	195		4.1	15.3
1950	1015	BTG	1575	+ 30	0.5	
1350	450	Barland	475	- 30		
161	63	Bo Woodrack	97			
164	123	Brd Cob Mgt	153		4.5	22.8
105	90	Brooks Service	104		3.6	17.8
488	373	Business Post	455	- 2	2.5	
695	239	CSC	550		0.5	30.9
165	111½	CFT Gp	161		3.0	24.8
908½	157	Card Co	302	- 5		
390	285	Capita Group	354		1.4	33.1
37	15	Cardinal Bus	16	- 1		
558	357	Delphi	540		1.0	27.2
142	99	Dudley Jenkins	116		3.7	15.1
74	38	EW Fact	70	- 1	1.3	13.9
176	79	Er Data Pict	88		3.0	17.9
419	245	FI Group	384		1.3	49.6
463	362	GKN	461		2.3	20.5
290	210	Hugo Robertson	230	- 1	4.0	15.6
2205½	1112½	ISS B Dk	1462	- 21½	1.6	20.1
542	350	JBA Hldgs	520		1.0	20.1
511	256	Johnson Clean	294		4.1	13.5
138	103	Kalamazoo	125			
530	351	Kenell Sys	454		2.2	
34½	125	LBAS	142	- 15		
41	13	Lane Sean	26			12.5
121	90	Leigh	103			
622	452	Lorex	642		1.7	23.2
33	70	Lynx Hldgs	55		3.4	17.7
32	40½	MDS	73		2.1	
557	246	MBIT Comp	500	+ 6	1.8	21.6
101	66	MR Group	97		3.7	
485	328	Macro 4	483		5.9	13.0
2718½	1565½	Manpower	2550	- 3½	0.4	
1340	553	Micro Focus	805	- 5		
192	171	Microgen	171		5.6	11.4
850	570	Misys	772	- 4	1.6	25.6
417	306	MITIE Gp	359		1.7	26.2
41	32	Nove Group	36		5.0	
39½	29½	Oakwood	45		2.6	
173	128	P & P	159½		5.5	14.3
333	168	Page (Michael)	309		2.0	16.8
309	173	Parts	224		1.1	26.5
340	200	Pegasus	295		2.5	21.3
100	79	Pentrad	95		3.6	
169	130	Photo-Me	163		3.8	13.7
42	22	Proudfoot	31	- 2	2.1	
272	175	RCO	243		8.4	13.2
148	105	RPS Group	132		3.2	13.9
84	47	Radius	69		3.2	15.6
314	173	Real Time	197	+ 1	2.9	13.0
116	85	Relvel	85			
158	105	Reed Executive	133		3.3	
245	214	Reliance Secs	234		3.3	20.5
439	325	Rentokil	419	+ 1	1.2	29.5
156	103	Ricardo Group	135		5.9	16.5
358	208	Rolle & Nolan	318	- 7	1.9	25.8
515	325	Sage Gp	485		0.6	29.9
284	242	Salvesen (C)	255	- 1	4.2	14.4
172	128	Sanderson Elect	157		3.2	16.9
290	160	Select Appts	283		1.1	
742	532	Sema Gp	737		0.8	29.7
565	367	Serco Gp	545	+ 3	1.1	37.8
124	89	Shanks & McEwan	119		3.9	18.3
297	165	Sherwd Intl	241	+ 2	1.9	11.0
134½	105	Sterchley	106	+ 1	4.1	
	10½	Standard Platform	15½			
248	205	Stat-Plus	220	- 7	5.9	16.3
485	380	Superscape VR	468			
258	205	Warner Howrd	255		4.4	12.3
395	310	Waste Mgt Intl	359			
190	127	Waste Recyg	161	- 5	1.2	24.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
385	326½	BT	347½	+ 7½	7.0	10.7
564	410	Cable Wireless	418	+ 4	3.0	15.8
209	155	General Cable	190			
127	85½	NYNEX Cable	105			
254	211	Orange	212½			
318	243	Securicor	275		0.2	
190	118	TeleWest	158			
266½	208½	Vodafone	242	+ 3	2.1	24.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	41	Albion	52		4.3	19.4
180	136	Alexdra W	137		5.9	12.7
249	211	Allied Txd	215		4.2	13.0
211	160	Baird (Wm)	194	- 2	6.0	36.1
165	135	Bridport-Gndry	145		3.3	15.9
148	133	Br Mohair	138		8.1	12.5
34	21	Carrington	28			
95	13½	Charge Phipps	14½	+ ½		0.9
288	236	Claremont Gs	232	- 1	5.2	14.8
208	168	Coats Viyella	176	+ 2	6.2	13.2
427	338	Courtaulds Text	352	+ 8	5.4	12.1
111	82	Dawson	83		4.6	24.3
196	175½	Dewhirst (I)	194		2.3	16.7
37	30	Dixie Heel	33		5.7	9.0
41	25	Drummond	33		5.2	12.8
30	23	Fampel	23		10.9	
475	205	FII	210		8.8	
126	58	Formminster	73		5.9	7.1
14	7	Foster (John)	11	+ 1		
68	57	Frenchl	63		7.3	14.6
90	65	Gent SR	65		4.8	5.9
131	112	Haggas	126		3.5	17.3
15½	9½	Hartstone	11½	+ 1	3.5	
14	7½	Helene Plc	8½		6.3	
373	306	Hicking Pntcst	351		2.3	17.0
14	6½	Hollas	9		7.8	
36	26	Honeysuckle	28		8.9	
97	77	Horace Small	78			7.6
182	65	Jacques Vert	65		13.0	4.3
88	70	Jerome (S)	81		3.5	10.5
475	435	Jones Stroud	464		2.8	15.4
140	115	Lambert	123		7.2	
325	245	Lamont	285		5.6	14.1
276	206	Leeds	209		4.0	12.5
58	51	Leslie Wise Gp	55		9.7	32.0
57	44	Lyles (S)	53			
27	23	Marling	26½		3.1	14.4
6½	4½	PEX	5½			
198	164	Parkland	168		4.1	
117	102½	Pentland	116		3.6	18.2
68	51	Pittards	64		2.9	
69½	58½	Readicut	60		7.2	17.2
87	61½	Reenmore	77		5.5	8.2
66	38	Richards	60	- 1	4.2	
64	51	SEET	53			
153	59	Sherwood Gp	72	- 1	6.2	8.1
133	83	Shiloh	115		4.2	12.3
97	73	Sidar	79		8.7	33.4
61	42	Stirling Gp	52	- 1	5.5	11.1
18	12	Strong & Fisher	14½		8.6	12.0
26	14	UK Safety	23		4.3	
224	161	Usher (Frank)	210	- 2	6.2	10.1
133	87	Wensum	103		6.1	9.4
335	300	Yorklyde	300		3.3	12.3

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	107	Air London	130		4.1	11.2
760½	627½	All Nippon Air	676½	- 5½	0.3	
316	265	Assoc Br Ports	286	+ 5	2.8	16.4
555	447	BAA	465½	+ 7½	3.0	16.0
572	464	Br Airways	536		3.2	11.2
17	8	Central Tran R	11			
113	100	Clarkson (H)	103		3.6	7.0
175	162	Clydeport	165		3.3	12.5
237	214	Dart	234	+ 2	3.2	
117	62	Eurotunnel Uts	96			
181½	139½	FirstBus	167	+ 1	3.6	
140	85	Fisher (James)	133		1.9	12.1
680	560	Forth Ports	581		2.3	20.0
347	277	Go-Ahead	296	- 8	2.1	13.2
422	348	Goode Durant	387	+ 1	2.4	14.7
156	107	IoM Steam	144	- 1	4.0	
588	478	Inch Cont	588		0.8	14.9
84	65	Jacobs	82		1.9	23.6
97	82	Lon & Sea Frt	97		0.7	19.9
456	355	Mersey Docks	378		3.8	15.5
191	140	NFC	188		4.8	23.6
518	362	Ntl Express	481	- 2	2.6	13.6
464	372	Ocean Group	464	+ 3	3.8	20.5
97	86	Ocean Wilson	93		4.8	5.2
564	467	P & O Dfd	483	+ 8½	7.9	12.7
183	156	P & O 5½%	159	- 1	4.3	
329	205	Railtrack (P/P)	215		6.4	7.5
67	48	Seacon	48	- 2	5.7	22.2
402	230	Servisair	377		1.4	35.3
458	327	Stagecoach	423	- 1	1.7	24.8
96	67	TLS	89		3.8	13.3
93	69	TNT	70	+ 1		
633	390	Tibbet & Britn	584		3.5	33.0
229	187	TDG	202	+ 1	5.9	14.7
81	60	Uglandt	77½		5.9	10.8
106	74	Utd Carriers	99	- 1	4.0	

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
631	512	Anglian	589	+ 7	6.6	7.3
785	683	Hyder	703	+ 3	6.9	10.2
109	96½	Hyder Cn Prfl	97	- ½	10.1	
600	420	Mid Kent Hdgs	588	+ 5	5.1	10.1
688	533	Severn Trent	543	+ 8	7.5	6.1
2575	2375	South Staffs	2575		3.7	
731	489	South West	655		5.8	8.4
1023	652	Southern	1014	+ 2	4.0	
599	530	Thames	571	- 1	6.2	7.5
693	529	Utd Utilities	563	+ 1½	6.5	11.1
374	295	Wessex	360	- 1	5.3	
791	583	Yorkshire	661	- 1	5.9	9.2

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	18	Abacus Recruit	45			
213	95	Cafe Inns	183	- 2	1.6	15.1
86	58	County Gdns	85		2.0	16.4
1700	860	Dewton Hdgs	1675		2.4	14.7
188	45	Freecast	77	- 3		
35½	14	Freepages	27½			
117	92	Megalomedia	103			
475	75	Memory Corp	77			
154	90	Old English Pub	132		0.9	
445	365	Pet City	393			
595	524	Southern News	534	+ 2	3.7	14.0
68	50	Southern Vectis	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Inns	280		0.9	32.9
74	46	Trocadero	66			

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BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
219	215	Treas 2% 1996	219		0.81	5.46
103	101	Conv 10% 1996	101		9.85	5.69
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.92	5.77
107	104	Treas 13¼% 1997	104		12.74	5.68
104	103	Exch 10½% 1997	103		10.19	5.89
104	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	103		8.49	5.90
114	111	Exch 15% 1997	111		13.48	5.93
106	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	105		9.27	6.15
102	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101		7.16	6.26
101	99	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.72	6.50
116	113	Treas 14% 1998-01	113		12.35	6.36
122	117	Treas 15½% 1998	118		13.08	6.46
114	111	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.75	6.61
109	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106 ‡	+	8.92	6.65
116	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	+	10.80	6.74
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	109	+	9.59	6.78
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	97	+	6.14	6.82
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	+	9.34	6.95
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	106	+	8.47	7.02
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	+	7.75	7.14
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	120 †	+	10.81	7.14
114	108	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.04	7.26
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	96	Treas 7% 2001	98	+	7.11	7.32
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.79	7.50
105	99	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.83	7.56
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	112	+	8.86	7.62
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116	+	9.91	7.40
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80 †	+	4.33	6.58
114	107	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.61	7.77
96	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	93	+	7.20	7.77
106	101	Treas 8½% 2005	104	+	8.15	7.83
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	110	+	8.60	7.83
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.90	7.75
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	97	+	7.72	7.88
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	+	7.85	7.92
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	+	7.96	7.89
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.75	7.67
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	103	+	8.18	7.85
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	+	10.17	7.77
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	107	+	8.36	8.00
104	96	Treas 8% 2009	99	+	8.04	8.04
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	84	+	7.42	8.12
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	107 †	+	8.37	8.11
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	107	+	8.37	8.15
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	+	7.05	7.92
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	98	+	8.15	8.19
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	+	8.12	8.21
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	98	+	8.16	8.19
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	+	8.33	8.28
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	+	8.96	8.28
99	95	Tr 8% 2021	97	+	8.08	8.19
UNDATED						
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185	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	183	+	3.45	3.73
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164	+	3.53	3.76
173	166	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170	+	3.58	3.78
143	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+	3.60	3.79
152	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149	+	3.64	3.81
146	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142	+	3.68	3.83
122	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	+	3.67	3.80
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Blair presents the Labour Party's programme with pledges on

'I want people to know who we are and what kind of government we will be'

■ Tony Blair published his party's draft manifesto for the general election yesterday, *New Labour, New Life for Britain.* The following are edited extracts from the document

"THE Labour Party has changed. Now we are seeking the trust of the people to change Britain. Britain is a great country, full of talented people capable of competing with anyone in the world. But our country is more insecure. Our public services are failing. Our people are working harder for less. And we are falling down the world prosperity league. It need not be like this. New Labour offers a new vision and a new direction for our country. In this document we explain how we will modernise our economy, rebuild our society as one nation, renew our politics and provide leadership in the world. Though this document is not the final manifesto, it provides the foundations for that manifesto. It allows us to embark on a nation-wide dialogue with the British people, the basis of our contract for a new Britain. When the general election comes, I want people to know who we are, what we stand for, what kind of government we will be. People are rightly asking, 'What can we expect from a Labour government? How will life be better for me and my family?' This document, in laying the foundations for the new Britain we seek to build, provides the answers."

— Tony Blair

REALISING BRITAIN'S POTENTIAL

It is time to breathe new life into our country — to give new direction, leadership and purpose. This is a call not just for different policies and a different programme for Britain, but for a fundamental change in the values of government.

What follows is an uncompromising and unhesitating description of new Labour's vision for Britain. New Labour is not just about changing the Labour Party. It is about changing the country. This country can't get new life from old politics, from tired and outdated ideological arguments that have nothing whatever to do with the realities of a 21st century almost upon us.

New Labour is neither old Left nor new Right, for a very good reason. Neither remotely corresponds to the nature of the challenges facing us. Instead we offer a new way ahead, that leads from the centre, but is profoundly radical in the changes it promises.

We should not be forced to choose between state control of the economy and letting the market do it all; between higher levels of tax and spend and dismantling the welfare state; between a society that denies enterprise and one in which we step over bodies sleeping in doorways; between monolithic, centrally delivered public services and those so bad that anyone who can afford to opts out of them; between head-on conflict between bosses and workers and denying employees any rights at all; between excusing criminal behaviour and ignoring the conditions that give rise to it; between indifference to family breakdown and trying to recreate the family life of 50 years ago.

It is time for new choices and fresh ideas.

We know what is wrong with the Tories. They are irredeemably short-termist in economic policy. They are obsessed with the market, even where the market fails. They run things for the few at the top, not the many. They shrug their shoulders at the lack of social cohesion and rank injustice in the distribution of opportunities. They take a narrow view of self-interest. As a result they squander the huge potential of Britain.

We are wasting our nation's potential and that of its people. We are paying a cost in money, in quality of life, and ultimately in influence and standing. Now all they have to offer is lies about Labour and the cobbling together of a programme that is the product not of leadership but of the lowest common denominator among their factions.

The answer is not to go back. There were great achievements of previous Labour governments — not least the NHS — but we have changed the Labour Party because it needed to change. We have sought a new path between and ahead of the old Left and the new Right.

It is Labour because it is based on the founding principle that the individual does best within a strong and unified society, where we acknowledge that success depends not just on the striving of the individual but on working together. It is new because it seeks to apply that principle entirely afresh to a different and changing world.

Yet our aspirations remain the same. We want to raise a family with decent pay and prospects; a home that is affordable and secure; schools of quality for our children; to be able to walk on the street at night without fear; to know that if we are ill, we will be treated on the basis of need not wealth. We want security and dignity when we grow old.

We want something else too. We want to feel good about our country, not just about its past, but about its future too. These aspirations — the basis of the British dream that our children can do better than us — are under threat.

New Labour understands these aspirations. We are back as the party of the people. What the people want for our country, we want for it.

In this document, we say how. How we will improve the ability of employees and business to compete in the new industrial markets within a stable, low-inflation economy. How we will reduce spending on long-term unemployment and improve our education and health services. How we will tackle crime. How we will revive local civic government to provide better local services. How we will play a more constructive role in Europe.

In each main policy area — the economy, society, politics, Britain in the world — we set out our clear principles followed by a clear, specific programme. At each stage it is properly costed in respect of any spending commitment.

Of course, there are hard choices — on tax, on spending, on welfare, education, rights at work, Europe and devolution. We do not flinch from them.

We should make one thing clear. The Labour Party exists to further the interests not of the few, but of the many, the broad majority of British people. That is its purpose. When it does that, it is fulfilling its purpose. When it fails to do that, it defeats its purpose.

Our aim is no less than the fundamental reconstruction of a Britain fit for the 21st century and a new millennium. We also recognise that, by the time of the next election, it will be over 20 years since we won an election and almost 20 years since we were in government. The public mood is one of desire for change. But it would be unnatural if it were not accompanied by anxiety as to what change will bring. This will be exaggerated by the Tory lie machine that will seek to raise alarm about Labour, and by parts of the media.

So we propose to make two unusual political moves. First, we are setting out in this document the clear direction in which we want to take the country well in advance of the election. It is accompanied by key specific pledges, the "early pledges" that are hard, practical and simple and will make a real difference to people's lives. Cutting class sizes in infant schools better to teach the basics: reducing NHS waiting lists; cutting youth unemployment substantially; curbing youth crime; strengthening the economy; in each case, we provide costings to match.

Our programme is specific. We believe you, the people, would prefer clear, practical promises that the government actually fulfils, to promising the world and delivering nothing. We also set out here our principles on taxation and spending.

Second, we will put this programme to our membership and to those affiliated to our party. It will be our contract between leadership and party and between party and country. Before this document has even been published, we have taken difficult decisions on a series of policy areas — including education and training, welfare, the labour market and devolution. But now is the time to choose: for the party, for the nation.

The choice will shape Britain's destiny for the new century and millennium.

STAKEHOLDER ECONOMY

The new global economy requires a different and modern approach.

The countries that will achieve the highest rates of growth and employment — and thus prosper in the new information age — are those which make the investments in the new technologies and skills, which use the talents and energies of all the people, and whose governments see their role as working with industry to equip people for change.

For too long, Britain has failed to rise to this challenge. We have too little investment in the application of the new technologies, education and skills, too few opportunities to start new small businesses or become self-employed and too little sense of common purpose in the workplace or across the nation.

This record demands a different economic approach geared to stable growth and greater security in employment and incomes. That means economic opportunities for all — our vision of a stakeholder Britain.

To equip ourselves for the future, we must first provide the stable platform for higher investment and sustained growth that the Conservatives have failed to deliver in 17 years of power. We must break out of the boom-bust, stop-go economics which have bedeviled businesses and ruined family finances.

This requires:

☐ Clear rules for the prudent management of our national finances to keep long-term interest rates low;

☐ A tough target for low inflation;

☐ stability in our relationships with Europe;

☐ an internationally competitive and fair tax system that encourages work, savings and investment to help raise the level of sustainable growth.

Second, skills must be improved to build a workforce that can be flexible and adapt to these new economic conditions.

This demands:

☐ An end to underperformance in education;

☐ A commitment to lifelong learning for all;

☐ A determination to tackle, at source, the economic waste of low skills and unemployment;

☐ A new partnership that ends destructive conflict in the workplace.

Third, we need a government that works with business to equip companies and people for change. Governments should not try to run industry or second-guess commercial decisions; nor take a laissez-faire approach — the belief that markets are always right.

We need a government dedicated to encouraging investment and open markets. We need active co-operation between government and industry, limited to specific objectives where the market fails or is inadequate.

This means new partnerships in education and training; in improving infrastructure and regional economic development; in developing new technologies; in promoting a dynamic economy through a new competition policy.

The British economy is not stronger than its main competitors in Europe and elsewhere. We have fallen from 13th to 18th in the world league of national income. Our growth rate has lagged behind our main competitors over the 17 Tory years. People are having to work harder to stand still.

We have the third highest inflation rate among the top seven industrial countries. We have had the worst job creation record of any major industrial economy since 1979. Nine million people have lost their jobs since the last election. The public finances are weak. Borrowing and debt have exceeded Treasury predictions again and again. Since 1992 the government has borrowed 44 per cent more than it said it would and it has added to the national debt by more than £100 billion.

Despite a 20 per cent devaluation of the pound since 1992, Britain has continued to run a large trade deficit; and public spending as a proportion of national income is about the same as when the last Labour government left office. Worst of all is the way the money has been spent: education services struggling to make ends meet; health spending going on bureaucracy; and welfare spending rising to meet the costs of unemployment and economic failure. We are paying for rescue, not renewal.

Our central criticism of the Conservative economic record is not just the reckless mismanagement of policy on interest rates and inflation under successive Tory chancellors, often in the interests of a pre-election boom. There has been a fundamental failure to tackle the underlying causes of inflation and unemployment.

Our medium-term growth strategy will encourage long-term investment and increase sustainable growth. We will deliver low inflation, rising living standards and high and stable employment.

We will not take risks with inflation. We will set and hold to a target for low and stable inflation. We will reform the Bank of England to ensure that decision-making on monetary policy is more effective, open, accountable and free from short-term political manipulation. We will promote savings and consider the introduction of a new Individual Savings Account. We will set strict rules for spending and borrowing.

We will be wise spenders, not big spenders. The first question we will ask about spending is the question a manager in any company would ask — not how much more to spend but how to spend existing resources more effectively to meet our priorities. Save to invest is our approach, not tax and spend.

We will enforce the golden rule of public spending — over the economic cycle, we will only borrow to invest and not to fund current expenditure. Over that cycle we will ensure that public debt as a proportion of national income is at a stable and prudent level.

But we will do more. Labour priorities in public spending are very different from Tory priorities. The current government is paying the price for failure — with the soaring costs of unemployment and social decay. Since 1979 the share of public spending going to education has fallen, while the share of spending on welfare has risen with unemployment and rising poverty.

In government, ministers will be asked to save before they spend. Our objective, over the lifetime of a Labour government, will be to reverse the trend established by the Tories of spending less as a percentage of our budget on education and more on welfare. Put simply, our aim is to spend less on leaving people unemployed and to invest more in education to help people into employment.

These are examples of our priorities and choices:

☐ We will spend less on NHS bureaucracy, more on patient care;

☐ We will phase out the subsidy to 34,000 children in private schools to reduce class sizes for 500,000 children aged five to seven in state education;

☐ We will abolish the 16-hour rule for young people that deprives them of educational opportunities while unemployed;

☐ We will encourage local discretion in social security so that people can choose to use their benefit money to provide opportunities for work and training.

TAX POLICIES

New Labour will not tax or spend as some sort of reflex action. The dividing line is between the Conservatives, who have raised taxes unfairly to pay for their failure, and Labour, committed to investing in high-quality public services, prudent finances and fair taxes.

The increase in taxes under the Conservatives is the most dramatic evidence of economic failure. Since 1992, the typical family has been asked to pay £2,000 more in taxes. Despite their pre-election promises, taxes rose by the equivalent of seven pence in the pound. The tragedy is that those hardest hit are least able to pay. That is why we strongly opposed VAT on fuel: it was Labour that stopped the government from increasing VAT on fuel to 17.5 per cent.

The Conservatives have broken their promises time and again. We will keep our promises because we will only make commitments we know we can keep. For this reason, we will outline any tax proposals we have when we are able to make a judgment of the economic circumstances that we are likely to face in government.

The principles that will underpin Labour's tax policy are clear:

☐ A tax system that encourages employment opportunities and work incentives for all;

☐ A tax system that encourages more savings and investment;

☐ A tax system that is fair and seen to be fair.

Democratic socialism is not about high taxes on ordinary families. It is about social justice and a fair deal. Reducing the high marginal rates at the bottom end of the earning scale — often 70 or 80 per cent — is not only fair but desirable to encourage employment. Under new Labour there will be no return to the penal tax rates that existed under both Labour and Conservative governments in the 1970s, indeed we would like to reduce taxes for ordinary families, who have suffered enough.

INDUSTRY

Labour will develop a successful and modern industrial policy. The Conservatives have failed to tackle the underlying causes of inflation and slow growth. To improve the competitiveness of British industry and our capacity to grow, we favour an active industrial policy, geared to specific objectives where it is in the public interest for business and government to work together.

More should be done to develop the small and medium-sized business sector. We have suggested ways in which advice, assistance and access to long-term capital can be improved. We will introduce tough rules for the non-payment of small business debt and we will improve the Business Links network to give specialist support to small and medium-sized firms.

The infrastructure of Britain is in poor shape: parts of our road network are neglected, our railway and bus systems are in danger of collapsing into fragmentation and decline. We must put together the best combination of public and private finance to renew infrastructure. We need to simplify the rules of the PFI and engage with much greater creativity and energy in driving this project forward. Where major infrastructure projects of vital national interest are concerned, we will see how we can simplify and quicken the planning process.

We have long advocated a partnership of public and private finance to improve rail transport on the basis not of dogma, but of what is best for the customer, the country and the environment. We will create a publicly owned, publicly accountable railway system as economic circumstances and the priorities of transport policy allow. We will maintain the Post Office as a public service, giving it greater commercial freedom to make the most of new opportunities.

Competitiveness abroad must begin with competition at home. We will reform Britain's competition and consumer protection laws and in the utility industries we will promote competition where possible and pursue tough, efficient regulation where necessary.

EMPLOYMENT

We believe there must be minimum standards in a flexible labour market. We must avoid rigidity. We will provide minimum standards of fair treatment, including a national minimum wage. We should encourage partnership, not confrontation, in the enterprise. We must create the skilled, educated workforce of the future. There is self-evidently a balance to be struck between the first two principles. There are countries in Europe that are rigid in their labour market rules. That is why governments of left and right are moving to change them. But in Britain, the Conservatives have left people with no proper protection in the workplace at all.

We need a sensible balance: rights and duties should go together. The key elements of the trade union legislation of the 1980s — on ballots, picketing and industrial action — will stay. But there should be proper minimum rights for the individual at work and we have recently specified these.

There should be a legal threshold beneath which pay should not fall — with the level of the minimum wage decided according to the economic circumstances of the time and with the advice of an independent Low Pay Commission. There is no future for Britain as a low-wage economy. Every modern industrial country has a minimum wage, including the US and Japan. Britain used to have minimum wages through the Wages Councils. Done sensibly, it will remove the worst excesses of low pay, while protecting jobs and cutting some of the massive £2.5 billion benefits bill by which the taxpayer subsidises very low pay.

People should be free to join or not join a union. Where they do decide to join it, and where a majority vote in a ballot for it, the union should be recognised.

The real challenge is not to be fought on the old terrain of trade union law, but on the new ground of what makes for a modern successful workforce. The best companies recognise their employees as partners in the enterprise. Employees work better when they are well treated. Many unions are enthusiastically embracing the new notion of social partnership, replacing conflict. Government should welcome and encourage this.

We should be part of the European social chapter. Every other European party, left and right, supports it because they believe, as we do, that good treatment of employees and efficiency in the workplace are perfectly compatible, indeed reinforce each other. The Tories are engaged in a quite absurd distortion of the debate about it. The social chapter is a set of principles under which measures can be agreed. Only two — consultation for employees of Europe-wide companies and entitlement to unpaid parental leave — have been agreed so far.

Successful companies work closely with their workforce. Contrary to the Tory lie machine, the social chapter cannot be used to harmonise social security or tax legislation. Basic common terms of employment are entirely compatible with a well functioning and competitive labour market.

Above all, we must equip people with the skills of the future. We will not succeed unless our people are equipped to do so. That means skills and education. Foreign investors do want a flexible labour market, but they are concerned

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ROBIN MAYES

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, yesterday. They describe the draft manifesto as the basis of Labour's contract for a new Britain

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Promised answers: Mr Blair's introduction to the document

healthcare, education, employment, crime and public spending

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about the poor level of our skills and education. The new Labour approach should be to correct the defects of the latter, without undermining the former.

EDUCATION

Our aim is to guarantee nursery education for all three and four year-olds. We do not favour vouchers, since they are bureaucratic and are a poor means of generating more quality nursery places. We will use the money to guarantee places for four year-olds and start the expansion of provision for three year-olds.

We have promised a radical improvement in primary school standards, earlier assessment of children and better basic teaching. We do not share the view that primary school standards are adequate. They aren't. Fifty per cent of children are failing to reach appropriate levels in numeracy and literacy tests at the age of 11. This is simply unacceptable.

For post-11 education, we reject a return to the 11-plus. Instead we favour recognising the different abilities of children, and constructing a system to acknowledge them, but within comprehensive schooling. This is the commonsense approach. The future of remaining grammar schools is up to the parents affected. We will not close good schools.

All schools, including existing grant-maintained schools, will have power and budgets devolved to heads and governors. Indeed we favour greater devolution for schools — but within a local, accountable service that ensures fairness and partnership between all schools.

The key — especially since LMS has been introduced — is not a battle over structures, but standards. We have proposed a range of measures to lift standards: smaller infant classes; the grouping of pupils by ability and attainment in primary and secondary schools; better testing and assessment with target-setting of improved results; improvements to school buildings through public-private partnerships; broader A-levels and improved vocational qualifications; a new role for LEAs and governors and value-added performance tables.

We favour fundamental reform of teacher and head teacher training, and new opportunities for the best teachers. The vast majority of teachers are dedicated and committed, but we need a quicker, though fair, process of removing the few who really cannot do the job.

We believe in greater parental involvement in the education of children, including better homework provision and a home-school contract between parents and schools. Teachers should have the support of parents in maintaining discipline and attendance. There will be improvements in how we deal with unruly or disruptive children.

In further and higher education, again there will be change. We have been honest enough to accept that we will not be able to expand higher and further education as we need to if we try to fund it entirely out of general taxation. South Korea now sends a higher percentage of its children to university than the UK. We cannot continue to fall behind. To fund the expansion, we must acknowledge graduates will have to make their contribution, when their earnings allow, to the maintenance costs of higher education. But unlike the present loans system it should be fair, competently administered, and the payback term should — where the student desires it or needs it — be longer.

But our proposals to revolutionise British educational achievement do not end there. This is the era of learning through life — adding economic value through improved skills. Technology and scientific change render our skills rapidly out of date. Many jobs are now computer-oriented. An adaptable workforce requires a quite different approach.

New Labour has also changed to reflect this. A training system with a top-down approach, levies and rebates, all through government, is simply not appropriate for the majority of industries. So we have made critical changes.

The existing structure — TECs, NVQs, Investors in People — can be improved. But we must place the demand for skills in the hands of the individual. We have shown how public money spent on training could be invested in the form of Learn as You Earn accounts which individuals can then use to get the skills they want. This could be funded by switching resources within TEC budgets and supplemented by employers.

Second, the government has been hopelessly slow to recognise the potential of new technology in transforming the availability of high-quality learning. People can now learn at home and at work through the new interactive information superhighway. We have shown how — working with British Telecom and the cable companies — we can wire up schools, libraries, universities and hospitals to the superhighway. We will publish further proposals to put the benefits of computers at the fingertips of children.

Our University for Industry project makes all this possible for adult employees and the unemployed. This will bring government, industry, science and research establishments and universities together to create a new resource whose remit will be to use new technology to enhance skills and education. In time, we expect it to be a major institution of adult learning.

This is the new Labour approach. It is based on partnership, on stakeholding, not an old-fashioned war between bosses and workers.

Ending youth and long-term unemployment must be a national priority. There is one further core economic objective: to tackle the tragic waste of long-term and youth unemployment. Long-term unemployment is higher than in Germany; youth unemployment almost double. It wastes talent and skills. It wastes money in rising welfare bills.

Labour will offer a new deal for a lost generation of young people. We will ensure that more can stay on in education. And we will give everyone under 25 opportunities to work and to gain skills and qualifications. We want all young people to be offered part-time or full-time education after the age of 16 so that all can have a qualification and a skill. Only 64 per cent of young people achieve NVQ level two by the age of 19. By 2000, our education and training system must ensure all young people are on the road to a qualification. We will replace youth training with our Target 2000 programme, giving young people high-quality education and training.

We want every young person unemployed for more than six months to be in a job or in training. They will be offered the choice of four high-quality options, each involving day release education or training leading to a qualification. The four options are:

- ☐ A job with a private-sector employer, who will be offered a £60-a-week rebate paid for six months;
- ☐ A job with a non-profit voluntary sector employer, paying a weekly wage, equivalent to benefit plus a fixed sum for six months;
- ☐ Full-time study for young people to achieve educational qualifications on an approved course;
- ☐ A job on Labour's environment taskforce, as part of our proposed Citizens' Service.

But, because we believe that young people must play their part, there will be no fifth option of remaining permanently on full benefit. Where there is a suitable offer, people will be expected to take this up. We believe that is fair — rights and responsibilities must go together.

We will also tackle long-term unemployment. We have proposed a cash tax rebate for employers who take on those who have been unemployed longer than two years. The Department of Social Security must be transformed to help people into work. The benefit traps that make people worse off when they take a job must be tackled.

To pay for these proposals we will have a one-off windfall levy on the excess profits of the privatised utilities which will pay, over the course of a Parliament, for our carefully costed new deal for young people and for the long-term unemployed. Labour will also root out benefit fraud — starting with organised housing benefit fraud estimated to cost £2 billion a year.

Our policies for both youth and long-term unemployment — part of our commitment to high and stable levels of employment — are an economic imperative. And social justice demands them. They are essential to create a genuine one nation, stakeholder society.

ONE NATION SOCIETY

There is no room in serious politics for nostalgia. We will never recreate the Britain of the perceived 'golden age' — uniformity in families and stability of communities. We should not forget either that often the peaceful exterior hid injustice, poverty and hypocrisy.

This is a new generation. Many women want and need to work. Attitudes about race, sex and sexuality have altered. We stand firmly against prejudice. Culture, mass media, technology and travel have transformed the context in which we live our lives.

Many of these changes are liberating. But at the same time has come greater crime — not just theft, vandalism and robbery — but sometimes crime so evil we barely comprehend it. Drug abuse is widespread. Families break up. The harm to children is severe.

No doubt it is true that the nature of poverty is very different today from that of 50 or 100 years ago. But these are the facts: the number of children living in households with income less than half the average has grown from one in ten in 1979 to one in three; one in five families has no-one in employment and the number of people dependent on benefits has doubled from one in 12 to one in six. There is a wider gap between rich and poor than for many generations, and we live in a society where that gap is obvious. This is morally intolerable. Ignoring this poverty is not only wrong in itself but it also has costs for the whole of our society.

Crime can never be excused, but large numbers of unoccupied young people cannot help. It is not a coincidence that the pattern of crime levels and long-term unemployment follow close upon each other.

It is a terrible injustice that young people are brought up in a world of crime and drugs and leave school totally unprepared for life; that parents fear what will happen to their children when they grow up; that elderly people who have paid all their lives for the welfare state find that the NHS or pension provision cannot give them the security they depend on, and that they live in fear of crime.

The fundamental principle that underlies the new Labour approach is that we cannot solve these problems except as one nation and that they require a moral purpose and direction presently lacking. We reject not tolerance, but extreme libertarianism. We need principles of conduct and governance by which we can construct a modern civic society. The essence of it is rights and duties together — that is the only way in which we can rebuild the concept of a one nation society for today.

These are the principles we believe should underpin it.

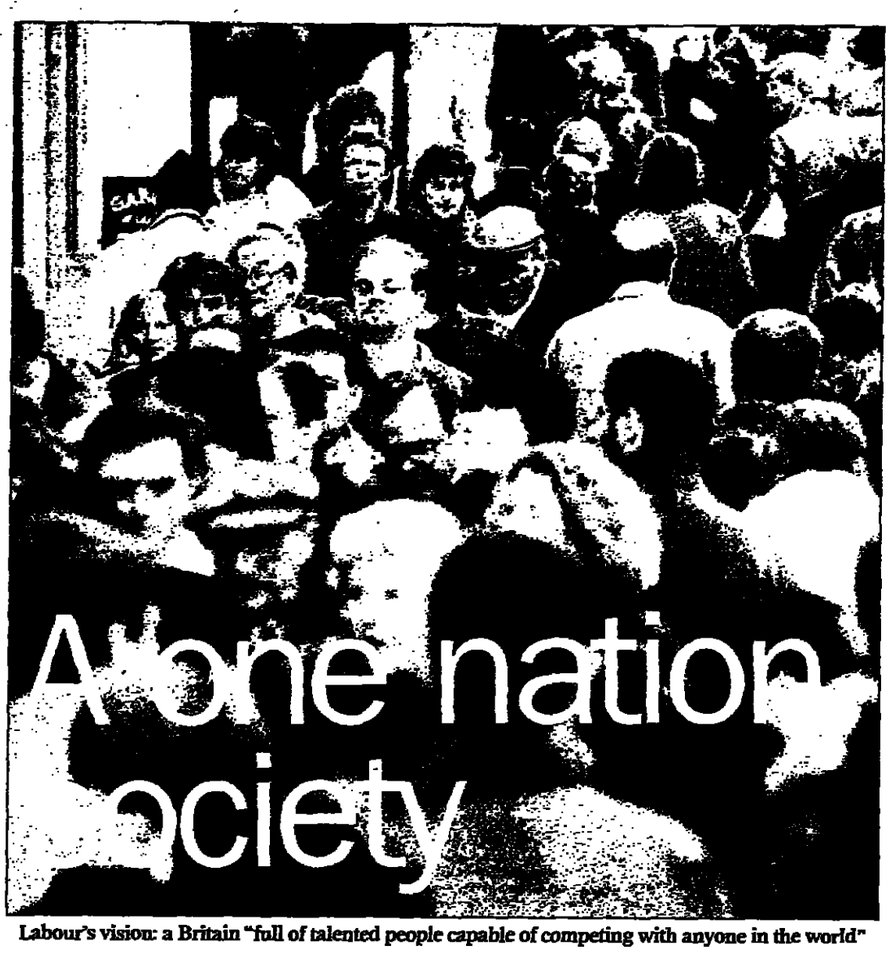
We should aim to give everyone a stake in our society, a chance in life. Indifference to long-term unemployment and high levels of youth unemployment is inconsistent with such a principle. We will provide new opportunities for the long-term unemployed. And our new deal will give hope to a lost generation of young people without jobs or skills.

We should be far more imaginative in how we provide greater choice and security in housing. We support a three-way partnership between the public, private and housing association sectors to promote good social housing in rural as well as urban areas. We need to redevelop the rented sector, promote a high-quality public sector, encourage more flexible mortgages with better consumer protection, introduce leasehold reform and allow local councils to invest capital receipts — on a phased basis — to build and renovate homes.

We advocate a new deal on pensions, in which there is a partnership between public and private provision. For today's pensioners, Conservative policies have created real poverty, growing inequality and widespread dependence on means-tested benefits. These benefits are claimed by over 3.5 million people over the state retirement age — a third of all pensioners — and millions of people are getting poor value for money for their pension savings.

Labour will retain the basic pension as the foundation of pension provision and examine ways of getting better automatic help to the poorest pensioners. In addition to retaining SERPS, Labour will create a new framework for funded second-tier pension provision to ensure greater security and better value for money for those pensioners who do not have adequate occupational pension schemes.

We see reform of our welfare system to make it fairer, offer new opportunity and reduce its costs, as one of the key objectives of a new Labour government.



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- **cut class sizes to 30 or under for 5, 6 and 7 year-olds** by using money saved from the assisted places scheme
- **fast-track punishment for persistent young offenders** by halving the time from arrest to sentencing
- **cut NHS waiting lists by treating an extra 100,000 patients** as a first step by releasing £100 million saved from NHS red tape
- **get 250,000 under-25 year-olds off benefit and into work** by using money from a windfall levy on the privatised utilities
- **set tough rules for government spending and borrowing; ensure low inflation; strengthen the economy** so that interest rates are as low as possible.

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HEALTH SERVICE

The NHS was the proud creation of a Labour government 50 years ago. Now it is our task to modernise it so that it provides the security that people want in the next century, with a family doctor service which provides for the needs of local people, emergency services which everyone can rely on, and high-quality hospital care. We reject the internal market that forces hospitals and doctors to compete against each other. We support devolution of greater power to hospitals and doctors, and separation of functions of planning and providing care — but within a collaborative, long-term approach.

The huge waste of the Tories' internal market — up from nine per cent of NHS spending in 1988 to 12 per cent in 1996 — will be put to improvements in patient care, in particular to cutting both the process and length of waiting time. Our aim is to cut waiting time, with more patient choice on when and where they are treated, by redirecting money from the waste of the internal market. Cutting back on only £100 million of the £1.5 billion spent on the internal market would enable 100,000 patients to be treated and taken off waiting lists.

We will replace GP fundholding with GP commissioning to give all GPs a voice in shaping local health services, and restore to all GPs the right to refer their patients anywhere in the country. The aim will be to provide a genuine National Health Service for the 21st century, not a safety net service for those that cannot afford private care.

FIGHTING CRIME

Tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime is more than a slogan. It is a different philosophical approach. We cannot excuse crime, but we should try to tackle where and how it breeds. When 70 per cent of seriously violent young offenders have themselves been subject to violent abuse, it is hardly a coincidence.

We need a criminal justice system which is fair, effective in securing convictions, measured, with punishment appropriate to the crime and humane, if that punishment means prison. Sentences for criminal behaviour should be consistent and clear to the public and should provide greater protection against dangerous offenders.

We need change at every level of our approach to tackling crime. There should be, as we have now proposed, a far more efficient and effective system of youth justice. At present, many young offenders have a licence to carry on offending. We plan to stop that by introducing a system of fast-track punishment for persistent offenders by halving the time from arrest to sentencing. Our criminal justice system needs urgent reform in favour of the better treatment of witnesses and victims and action to improve the quality of justice. We will reform the Crown Prosecution Service to increase its effectiveness in securing convictions.

Only one in 50 crimes ever leads to a conviction. Only one in three is ever recorded. So without a proper approach to prevention, crime policy is doomed to fail. We should relieve unnecessary burdens on our police, to allow them to be out more on the beat in local communities.

We have been criticised for suggesting measures to tackle unwarranted and excessive disturbance from neighbours; to deal with truancy, or young children out late at night; and with vandalism. It is said these are against the rights of the individual. But if your life is being made hell by unreasonable neighbours or young children out of control, your rights are being infringed.

TRANSPORT

We have proposed a national integrated transport system — which cannot be left to the market. We wish to encourage public-private initiatives to improve public transport. People want to use their cars and many need to. We are not committed to taxing company cars more heavily: in fact it is the Tories that have done that. But car users want a decent public transport system too. They will only get it by a more planned, more long-term approach to transport that promotes individual choice, business efficiency and environmental protection.

We have made clear and practical proposals to encourage the saving of energy, more efficient environmental practices by government and the promotion of "green" business and technology. We have also advocated greater freedom for people to explore our countryside, greater respect for its wildlife, and new measures to promote animal welfare, including a free vote to enact legislation to ban hunting with hounds.

The lottery is a financial success. But in the use of its prize money, there should be greater flexibility, for example funding revenue as well as capital projects, and greater imagination, for example increasing from the current five the number of revenue streams from the lottery. The organisation itself, as a monopoly, should be run efficiently but not for profit.

NEW POLITICS

Our system of government is centralised, inefficient and bureaucratic. Our politics produce meaningless confrontation rather than serious debate. Our citizens lack basic rights to challenge unfair government decisions. Parliament symbolises much that is out of date in the British political system.

We will reform the House of Lords. We will remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords as a first step towards a more democratic and representative chamber. We will consult widely on the further reforms necessary. We will open up the appointments process. One proposal we can consider is that the House of Lords has some places reserved by appointment for those who have an outstanding contribution to make.

The legislative powers of the House of Lords will remain unaltered. Its function will remain that of a revising chamber.

We will reform the proceedures of the House of Commons. Prime Minister's Questions will be changed to make it a more genuine and serious means of holding the government to account. We will review ministerial accountability to remove the abuses that have been apparent in recent years. The process for scrutinising European legislation will be thoroughly overhauled so that decisions from the EU affecting Britain are made more transparent and are better debated.

The Nolan recommendations, including those on the conduct of MPs, will be implemented in full and extended to all public bodies. Quangos will be made properly accountable to the people.

We will ensure that the funding of political parties is open and honest. There should be no foreign sources of funding. We will provide a referendum on voting reform.

We have no plans to replace the monarchy. We will act to decentralise power, to lift decisions, where possible, out of Westminster and Whitehall and bring them closer to the people they affect. Subsidiarity is as good a principle in Britain as it is in Europe.

Local civic government in Britain should be revived. It should be less constrained by central government, but at the same time more accountable to local people. Crude council-tax capping should go, though as any government must, we will retain reserve powers in extreme cases. In return, a proportion of councillors in each authority should be elected annually.

We will explore the role in the large cities for elected mayors, with executive powers, through pilot projects. We will create a directly elected strategic authority for London with the consent of the people of London.

We have promised to legislate for devolution in Scotland and Wales in the first year. In Scotland we will create a parliament with law-making powers firmly based on the agreement reached in the Scottish Constitutional Convention. This will mean extending democratic control over the wide responsibilities currently exercised by the Scottish Office. The Welsh assembly will provide democratic oversight of the existing Welsh Office functions, will have secondary legislative powers and will be specifically empowered to reform and democratise the quango state.

This is a reform of the structure of government in the UK, retaining the essential links between Scotland, Wales and the rest of the UK. The aim is to strengthen our system of government and to reject narrow nationalism. The Westminster Parliament remains sovereign but will pass power to the Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly as part of our drive for a wider democracy.

We will provide the opportunity for the people of Scotland and Wales to endorse our plans prior to the passage of the legislation through Parliament. There will be White Papers setting out our plans in both Scotland and Wales and their popular endorsement will strengthen the legitimacy of the new settlement and speed its passage through both houses of Parliament. In Scotland we will also seek the people's approval for giving the parliament defined financial powers to vary revenue.

In the regions of England we will not impose regional assemblies. To match the regional tier of government which the Conservatives have already created. There will be accountability through regional chambers, covering matters such as economic development and European funding.

In many regions, notably the North East and North West, there are already moves to take this process further. But there are parts of England, notably in the South, in which regions as such are far less cohesive. So it would be wrong to impose an inappropriate or unwanted uniform system of regional government. But where there is clear popular consent expressed through a referendum or other means, arrangements will in time be made to introduce elected regional assemblies. This, however, would require a predominantly unitary system of local government to be in place, as indeed there is now in Scotland and Wales. We are not adding a fresh tier of government to the existing system.

For 50 years until 1973, Northern Ireland had a legislative body which passed laws specifically for Northern Ireland. The government has tabled proposals which include a new devolved legislative body, as well as cross-border co-operation and continued dialogue between the two governments.

We have supported the present government strongly in the Northern Ireland peace process. We will continue to do so. There will be as great a priority attached to seeing that process through under a new Labour government as under the Conservatives, working with the Irish government and the Northern Ireland parties. We will expect the same bi-partisan approach. There is now a general acceptance also that the future of Northern Ireland must be determined by the consent of the people as set out in the Downing Street Declaration. On the basis of consent, Labour is committed to reconciliation between the two communities and unity of the peoples of Ireland.

Alongside a more decentralised form of government, we should grant our citizens basic rights to fair treatment at the hands of government. There will be a Freedom of Information Act, opening up the unnecessary secretiveness of government. We will allow people to sue directly in Britain for breaches of the European Convention on Human Rights — which is a Convention the UK signed in 1948 before the European Community was founded.

We will seek to end unjustifiable discrimination wherever it exists. For example, we support comprehensive, enforceable civil rights for disabled people against discrimination in society or at work, developed in partnership with all interested parties. We will also take measures to tackle age discrimination at work.

So we will create a political settlement in harmony with a modern civic society, one that decentralises power, opens up freedom, roots out injustice and gives good and effective government.

LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD

Though a small island nation with limited natural resources, Britain has for centuries been a leader of nations. But under the Conservatives, Britain has lost influence.

Under a new Labour government, Britain will be strong in defence; determined in standing up for its own interests; an advocate of human rights and democracy the world over; a reliable and powerful ally in the international institutions of which we are a member; and we will show leadership in Europe.

Leaving the European Union as many Conservatives — openly or covertly — want, would not merely be disastrous for jobs and industry. It would relegate Britain from the premier division of nations with influence and standing. There is no contradiction between being strong in Europe and the Transatlantic alliance or our relations with Asia. The reality is Britain will be stronger in Tokyo or Washington if it is strong in Europe.

So there is no avoiding the issue of Europe. It is fundamental, and will dominate foreign and even domestic politics for the next decade. Our vision of Europe is not that of a federal superstate, but an alliance of independent nations choosing to co-operate with one another to achieve the goals they cannot achieve alone.

Greater economic integration, with or without a single currency, will happen as the single market becomes a reality.

Co-operation on defence matters is sensible, since our security considerations are similar. There are common problems crossing national borders — crime, unemployment, transport, communications — where a common approach makes sense.

As this happens, the people of Britain and the people of Europe will insist on strengthening their democratic control over the process by which decisions are made. The issue is not whether Britain will be forced to participate in this process against its will. It can't be. The question is whether we will want to participate in it.

In our view we should participate, provided that two conditions are met. The first is that we succeed in restoring a central role for Britain in shaping the direction in which we want Europe to go. If we can build alliances with those in the union who share our views we can achieve a Europe that is open, outward-looking and anti-protectionist. The agenda for reform should include action on unemployment, enlargement, reform of the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy, greater openness in the institutions and a far more vigorous approach to the single market. It is an ambitious agenda, which the present government has disqualified itself from pursuing. But it is within the grasp of a British government determined to work with its allies in the union wherever it can and insisting on its views whenever it must.

We will retain the veto over key matters of national interest, such as defence and security, immigration, decisions over the budget and treaty changes.

Second, the issue of the single currency must be determined by a hard-headed look at its economic practicalities. It is a major step of integration which in principle could bring benefits in terms of stability and lower interest rates. For Britain, we would need to be convinced that economic conditions would allow it to succeed. We will therefore reserve our options on it. If there is a decision to join, the consent of the people will be sought either in an election or through a referendum.

Our security will continue to be based on the North Atlantic Alliance. Our armed forces are among the most effective in the world, and we are rightly proud of their professionalism and courage. We will ensure that they remain strong to defend Britain. We will conduct a strategic defence review to reassess our essential security interests and defence needs.

A new Labour government will retain Trident. We will press for multilateral negotiations towards mutual, balanced and verifiable reductions in nuclear, chemical and biological weapons worldwide as well as further reductions in conventional weapons. When satisfied with verified progress towards our goal of the global elimination of nuclear weapons, we will ensure British nuclear weapons are included in such negotiations.

The biggest battle ahead may be that between those who believe the way to cope with global change is for nations to retreat into isolationism and protectionism and those who believe in internationalism and engagement. Labour has traditionally been the party of internationalism because we understand that Britain cannot be strong at home if it is weak abroad. The tragedy of the Conservative years has been the squandering of Britain's assets and the loss of Britain's influence.

A new Labour government will use those assets to the full to restore Britain's pride and influence as a leading force for change in the world. With effective leadership and clear vision, Britain could once again be at the centre of international decision-making instead of at its margins.

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Covert listening device evidence admissible in criminal trial

Regina v Khan (Sultan)
Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nolan and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead
[Speeches July 2]

In a criminal trial, evidence as to the terms of tape recorded conversations obtained by means of an electronic listening device attached by the police to a private house without the knowledge of the owners or occupiers was admissible against the defendant.

The provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969) could be relevant to the exercise of the judge's discretion at common law or under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to exclude otherwise admissible evidence on the ground of unfairness. But on the facts, that discretion had been correctly exercised to admit the taped evidence.

A majority of the House of Lords found it unnecessary in the instant case to consider whether and if so to what extent English law provided a right of privacy.

The House dismissed an appeal from the Court of Appeal (Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hutchinson and Mr Justice Pill) (*The Times* June 1, 1994; [1995] QB 27) which had dismissed an appeal by Sultan Khan against conviction after pleading guilty on rearraignment at Sheffield Crown Court, before Judge Barber, to being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of a prohibition on the importation of Class A controlled drugs, for which he was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Mr Franz Muller, QC and Mr Mark George for the appellant; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Stephen Gullick for the Crown.

LORD NOLAN said the appellant had arrived from Pakistan at Manchester airport on the same flight as his cousin Farooq Nawab. Both men were stopped and searched and Nawab was found to be in possession of heroin with a street value of £100,000. He was interviewed, arrested and charged. No drugs were found on the appellant who made no admissions on interview and was released without charge.

Some four months later the appellant went to an address in Sheffield, the home of a man named Bashforth, on the outside of which South Yorkshire police had installed a listening device. Neither the appellant nor Mr Bashforth was aware of its presence. By means of that device, the police obtained a tape recording of a conversation between Mr Bashforth, the appellant and others. In the course of the conversation, the appellant made statements which amounted to an admission that he was a party to the importation of drugs by Nawab.

He was arrested and jointly charged with Nawab. At the trial it was admitted on the appellant's behalf that he had been present at the Sheffield address and that it was his voice on the tape. It was admitted on behalf of the Crown that the attachment of the listening device had involved a civil trespass and had occasioned some damage to the property.

After hearing submissions in the absence of the jury, the judge admitted the evidence and following an amendment to the indictment the appellant was rearraigned and pleaded guilty to being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of heroin. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment. It was made clear that his guilty plea was tendered only on the basis of the judge's ruling, and that he reserved the right to challenge that ruling.

The Court of Appeal dismissed his appeal but certified the following question as being of general public importance: "Whether in a criminal trial evidence as to the terms of tape recorded conversations obtained by means of an electronic listening device attached by the police to a private house without the knowledge of the owners or occupiers was admissible against the defendant."

It became clear in the course of argument, however, that that question raised two issues: first, whether the evidence was admissible at all, and second, whether, if admissible, it should none the less have been excluded by the judge in the exercise of his discretion under the common law or under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. That was how the matter had been approached in both courts below.

Although the issues were separate, the focal point of the appellant's case upon each of them was the fact that there was no legal framework regulating the installation and use by the police of covert listening devices. That was in contrast to the use of such devices by the Security Service, regulated by the Security Service Act 1989.

It should not be assumed that the use of such devices by the police was wholly arbitrary and undisciplined. They were the subject of *Guidelines on the use of Equipment in Police Surveillance Operations* (Home Office 1984).

The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire had authorised surveillance on the grounds that there was good reason to suppose Mr Bashforth was dealing in heroin, but that conventional methods of surveillance were unlikely to provide proof that he was doing so.

It was argued for the appellant that the evidence was unacceptable in principle and should not be admitted. Private conversations on private property of a kind which could not be overheard save by means of listening devices should be inviolate save where intrusion upon them was authorised by law. The procedure adopted in the instant case should not be accepted as a means of obtaining evidence, the more so in a case where it involved trespass and, at least arguably, criminal damage to property.

Mr Muller had likened the case of private conversation in a private house to that of a private telephone conversation by means of the public telecommunications system. The interception of the latter was strictly regulated by the Interception of Communications Act 1985, passed as a result of the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in *Malone v United Kingdom* ([1984] 7 EHRR 14).

Mr Muller pointed out that the 1985 Act by section 9 expressly forbade the use in evidence of material obtained by the interception of communications. Before 1984 there had been a similar restriction on the use of material from surveillance devices.

In the light of *R v Sang* ([1980] AC 402), the argument that the evidence of the taped conversation was inadmissible could only be sustained if two wholly new principles were formulated: The first would be that the appellant enjoyed a right of privacy in respect of the taped conversation. The second, that evidence of the conversation obtained in breach of that right was inadmissible.

There was no such right of privacy in English law, and even if there were, evidence obtained improperly or even unlawfully remained admissible, subject to the judge's power to exclude it at his discretion.

Turning to the issue whether the judge should nevertheless have excluded it in the exercise of his common law discretion or his section 78 powers, his Lordship said the only relevant element of the common law discretion was that part which authorised the judge "to exclude evidence if it is necessary in order to secure a fair trial for the accused": *Scott v The Queen; Barnes v The Queen* ([1989] AC 1242, 1256) per Lord Griffiths. It was unnecessary to consider the common law position separate from that under section 78.

Mr Muller's submissions on that issue were based directly on the terms of article 8 of the European Convention, read with section 78 of the 1984 Act. On that issue the House had consented to consider a written submission put forward with the parties' consent by Liberty, the National Council for Civil Liberties.

As Liberty had observed, the case raised for the first time the question whether a criminal court, in considering its power under section 78 was required to have regard to the European Convention and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, and if so whether a violation of the Convention was to be regarded per se as a ground for excluding otherwise admissible evidence.

The appellant contended that the words of section 78(1) plainly required the court, in considering whether or not to allow the relevant evidence, to have regard to "all the circumstances, including the circumstances in which the evidence was obtained".

If the circumstances in which the evidence was obtained amounted to an apparent invasion of the appellant's rights of privacy under article 8, that was accordingly something to which the court must have regard.

Liberty's argument had started from the premise that the duty of the court under section 78 to have regard to the circumstances in which the evidence was obtained necessarily included a duty to have regard to the fact that the evidence was apparently obtained in circumstances which amounted to a breach of article 8.

As a result the appellant was entitled to invoke article 13 of the Convention which provided that there should be an effective remedy before a national authority for everyone whose rights under the Convention were violated.

In *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brind* ([1991] 1 AC 696, 747) Lord Bridge of Harwich had accepted that the United Kingdom was obliged to secure the rights guaranteed by the Convention, including the right under article 13.

But the remedy which article 13 required, according to the submissions of Liberty, need not go so far as to exclude evidence obtained in breach of article 8. It was sufficient if the national law provided an effective means of reviewing the admissibility of evidence in the light of the provisions of article 8. Section 78 provided for just such a review.

The principles reflected in the Convention could hardly be irrelevant to the exercise of the section 78 power because they embodied so many of the familiar principles of English law and concept of justice. In particular, they asserted the right of an individual to a fair trial.

It was interesting that the appellant made no complaint of an infringement of his right under article 6.1 to fair trial. The European Court of Human Rights in *Schenk v Switzerland* ([1988] 13 EHRR 242) had rejected a complaint under article 6 brought by a defendant against whom an unlawfully obtained recording of a telephone conversation had been used in evidence.

Under English law, there was in general nothing unlawful about a breach of privacy. The appellant's case rested wholly upon the lack of statutory authorisation for the particular breach of privacy which occurred in the instant case and the alleged consequent infringement of article 8.

His Lordship was satisfied that in those circumstances the appellant could no more succeed upon the second issue than on the first. He was prepared to accept that if evidence had been obtained in circumstances involving an apparent breach of article 8, or, for that matter an apparent breach of the law of a foreign country, that was a matter which might be relevant to the exercise of the section 78 power.

The fact that the behaviour in question constituted a breach of the Convention or of a foreign law could plainly be of no greater significance per se than if it constituted a breach of English law. Upon the facts of the instant case his Lordship considered that the judge was fully entitled to hold that the circumstances in which the relevant evidence was obtained, even if they constituted a breach of article 8, were not such as to require the exclusion of the evidence.

It would be a strange reflection on our law if a man who had admitted his participation in the illegal importation of a large quantity of heroin should have his conviction set aside on the ground that his privacy had been invaded.

The sole cause of the case coming to the House of Lords was the lack of a statutory system regulating the use of surveillance devices by the police. The absence of such a system seemed astonishing, the more so in view of the statutory framework which had governed the use of such devices by the Security Service since 1989, and the interception of communications by the police as well as by other agencies since 1985.

Counsel for the Crown had indicated, on instructions, that the government planned to introduce legislation covering the matter in the next session of Parliament.

Lord Keith agreed.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON agreed subject to one caveat. It was not necessary for the House in the instant case to decide whether English law recognised a right of privacy. Whether or not such a right existed was currently a matter of considerable public debate.

The United Kingdom was a party to the European Convention, article 8 of which provided for a right of privacy subject to certain exceptions. Further, article 13 required that English law provide an effective remedy for breach of article 8.

In the circumstances, the question whether English law recognised a right of privacy, and if so what were its limitations, was likely to come before the House in the future. Until then his Lordship preferred to express no view on the question.

LORD SLYNN said it became plain during the hearing of the appeal that the existence of a right of privacy was not the key issue and that it was unnecessary to decide it. The key issue was whether, assuming that there was a breach of a right to privacy which could not be justified, the evidence of what the appellant said was admissible.

On the basis of *Sang* the evidence was admissible and his Lordship had not been persuaded that the House should depart from *Sang*.

Like Lord Nolan he would dismiss the appeal.

LORD NICHOLLS agreed with Lord Nolan but preferred to express no view as to existence of a right of privacy in respect of private conversations in private houses.

He preferred to leave open for another occasion the important question whether the present piecemeal protection of privacy had now developed to the extent that a comprehensive principle could be seen to exist.

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Technician taxable as self-employed

Barnett v Brabyn (Inspector of Taxes)
Before Mr Justice Lightman
[Judgment May 22]

Services provided by a taxpayer working for a partnership on a full-time basis as a video and television technician were provided by him not as an employee taxable under Schedule E but as an independent contractor in business on his own account, his remuneration being chargeable to income tax under Case I of Schedule D.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Spencer Barnett, from the determination of general commissioners for Flitt, Bedfordshire, in respect of two further assessments to Schedule D tax for 1989-90 and 1990-91.

Mr Patrick Way for the taxpayer; Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the assessments related to moneys paid to the taxpayer by a partnership consisting of his father and another person trading as LTV and were made on the basis that the payments were the income of the taxpayer's trade as a video and television technician. The taxpayer contended the income was assessable under Schedule E.

The taxpayer had worked for LTV from December 1988 until November 1990, initially being paid weekly and later monthly. No contract existed: the taxpayer had wanted to be a self-employed technician free to exploit alternative interests and LTV agreed. He was to receive from LTV regular payments of moneys in respect of the work he did but he was able to nominate his own hours and work times. Like the partners, he was responsible for his own tax and national insurance contributions. PAYE was not deducted.

When additional income came to light in respect of which the further assessments were raised, the taxpayer, for the first time, suggested he had been a full-time employee of LTV. His case was that whatever the intentions of the parties, his relationships with LTV bore all the badges of a contract of employment and that those were inconsistent with his status being that of an independent contractor.

The difference between an employee and a self-employed independent contractor had long been formulated: an employee was engaged and served under a contract of service, while an independent contractor was engaged under a contract for services and performed the services as a a person carrying on business on his own account.

But there was no one test for determining into which category a particular engagement fell. The proper course in each case was for the court to form an overall view giving due weight to the relative significance of the various badges in the particular context.

This was an exceptional case. The commissioners' findings were limited. No doubt because the taxpayer, who could have revealed all, declined to give evidence. But there were clear findings as to what relationship LTV and the taxpayer had wished to create and thought had been created, that is, a contract for services and not for service. Further, there was a special family relationship between the taxpayer and one of the partners, his father. The factors in favour of the taxpayer being an independent contractor far outweighed any relied on by Mr Way. The taxpayer had the right to control his input to LTV. There was clear agreement that he should be an independent contractor.

Such an agreement could not contradict the effect of a contract as a whole and had to be disregarded if inconsistent with the substantive terms or general effect of the contract as a whole. But when the terms and general effect of the contract were consistent with either relationship, the parties' label might be decisive.

The commissioners were plainly correct in their decision.

Solicitors: Keith Flower & Co, Pinner; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Transcripts not disclosed without notice

Soden and Another v Burns
Regina v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Ex parte Soden and Another
Before Mr Justice Robert Walker
[Judgment May 23]

Section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986 bound the Crown in respect of remedies against, or against the property of companies and individuals; but the Companies Court would not order the Department of Trade and Industry to disclose transcripts of the evidence of any individual given to its inspectors appointed in respect of a company under section 432 of the Companies Act 1985, to that company's administrators, without giving that individual an opportunity of being heard by the court.

The department's decision not to release any transcript without prior notification to the witness concerned was neither irrational nor unlawful.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held, sitting as a judge both of the Chancery and the Queen's Bench Divisions, in

(i) ruling that the respondent Robert Burns, a deputy inspector of companies in the investigations department of the DTI, was bound to disclose to the applicants, John Francis Soden and Peter Sheldon Padmore, joint administrators of Atlantic Computers plc, the transcripts of evidence taken by his department from 53 witnesses, but only after each had been given an opportunity of being heard by the court and

(ii) refusing an application for judicial review of the DTI's refusal to release such transcripts without prior notification to the witnesses concerned.

Section 236 of the 1986 Act provides: "(2) The court may . . . on the application of [the administrator of a company] summon to appear before it (a) any officer of the company (b) any person known or suspected to have in his possession any property of the company, or (c) any person whom the court thinks capable of giving information concerning the promotion, formation, business, dealings, affairs or property of the company."

Section 434 provides: ". . . provisions of this Act which derive from the Insolvency Act 1985 bind the Crown so far as affecting or relating to . . . (a) remedies against, or against the property of, companies and individuals".

Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr David Chivers for the applicants; Mr A. W. H. Charles and Mr Malcolm Davis-White for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that DTI inspectors had found the prospectus prior to the flotation of Atlantic in 1983 to be misleading and its principal product, known as the Flexlease, to be seriously flawed; as were the accounting principles on which its profit and loss accounts had been prepared when British and Commonwealth Holdings plc acquired it in September 1988. The result was that B and C paid over £400m for a company that was probably worthless. Atlantic went into administration in April 1990; B and C followed it in June.

Those inspectors had taken 218 transcripts of evidence, about 11,000 pages, from 112 witnesses, none of whom had been made parties to the applications.

Two main issues arose: (i) Did section 236 bind the Crown? (ii) If so, should there be any unconditional exercise of the court's discretion whether to order disclosure by the DTI of its inspectors' transcripts until the witnesses had been given the opportunity to be heard?

As to the first, his Lordship considered that the powers of the companies court under section 236 were powers which related to remedies against Atlantic or its assets; and since it was highly unlikely that Parliament intended some parts of a section to bind the Crown and others not, that section, by the express terms of section 434, did bind the Crown.

As to the second issue, the general effect of Lord Slynn of Hadley's speech in *In re British and Commonwealth Holdings plc (Nos 1 and 2)* ([1993] AC 426, 432-441) was that the Companies Court had a wide discretion in the exercise of what was an extraordinary discretion; one not to be circumscribed by rules of thumb, but calling for a careful balancing exercise by reference to all the circumstances of each case.

Here, however, there were three distinct, although overlapping, points which the House of Lords had not needed to consider in *In re Arrows Ltd (No 4)* ([1995] 2 AC 75):

(a) the qualified duty of confidence arising in respect of evidence given under compulsion and the associated topic, purpose public interest immunity;

(b) the principle that documents belonging to, or relating to the affairs of third parties ought not to be disclosed before they had been heard; and

(c) the feasibility of a two-stage approach: documents being first disclosed for information purposes only, the use of what they contained being reserved for later.

Confidentiality and public interest immunity

In re Arrows Ltd (No 4), wherein the crucial passages in Lord Browne-Wilkinson's speech were at pp102-3, was a sort of mirror-image of the instant case.

Although Mr Moses had urged that his clients were officers of the court and there was a substantial public interest in the efficient progress of adminstrations, they also had at least one foot in the private sector, being concerned with ordinary civil litigation whose outcome would decide who should bear the huge losses suffered by Atlantic and B and C.

In the end, what his Lordship derived from the authorities, and would carry forward to the final balancing exercise, was that he must, before requiring any transcript to be disclosed for use in civil litigation, take account of the qualified, not absolute, duty of confidence attaching to information obtained under compulsory powers.

Third party rights

His Lordship considered *London and County Securities v Nicholson* ([1980] 1 WLR 948), *Marcel v Commissionerr of Police of the Metropolis* ([1992] Ch 225), *Morris v Director of the Serious Fraud Office* ([1993] Ch 372, 382-5) and *In re Murjani* ([1996] 1 All ER 65).

He continued that there was specific evidence that even in formal examinations under section 236 cooperation of witnesses was very important and was facilitiated by the relative confidentiality of the evidence: but there was also possible oppression of them, some being former directors facing disqualification as well as being defendants or third parties in civil proceedings.

He therefore concluded that he was required, by the principles and practice now embodied in the authorities cited, to accept Mr Charles's submission that the DTI could not and should not be expected to put before the court the individual concerns and objections of witnesses, and they had a right to be heard themselves.

Two-stage disclosure

His Lordship was not satisfied that two-stage disclosure would either be appropriate or produce a satisfactory outcome in the long run.

Solicitors: Cameron Markby Hewitt; Treasury Solicitor.

Institute of Actuaries exam results

The following candidates have completed the examinations requirements for the qualification of Fellowship of the Institute of Actuaries.

Armoghan, M (London); Atkinson, Miss J E (Melbourne); Barnes, A E (Croydon); Batchelor, G R (Salisbury); Boreham, P J (Hertford); Bouwer, Mrs B E (Johannesburg); Bowman, Miss N L (Leeds); Bradshaw, A J (London); Brennan, M J (Melbourne); Burgum, J (Salisbury); Burke, A P F (Dublin); Cahill, S P (Horsham); Carter, Miss H M (Peterborough); Causer, Mrs J T (Horsham); Chambers, A J (Croydon); Clifford, S J (Oxford); Cole, Miss C H (Bristol); Coll, F J (Dublin); Critchlow, C N (Exeter); Culligan, M P (Dublin); Dullaway, D W (London); Duxbury, S A (Manchester); Elcoate, M D (Exeter); Eubank, D S (London); Evans, Mrs D B (Peterborough); Feaver, Miss C J (Horsham); Finkelstein, G S (London); Fivaz, Miss C E (Cape Town); Flatters, Miss C J (Horsham); Flint, M J (Horsham); Ford, K S (Croydon); Francis, N E (Manchester); Gates, P D (Croydon); Giles, T (Birmingham); Glover, A D (Salisbury); Gore, R N (Liverpool); Green, M P (Kendal); Green, R J (Norwich); Grimes, M J (Oxford); Harrison, Ms J M (London); Harrison, M J (Croydon); Haskins, I P (Bristol); Hawthorne, M G (Tunbridge Wells); Hews, M C J (London); Hibbett, G J (Horsham); Horn, A D (Norwich); Hoskin, J A (London); Hutton, M A (Cheltenham); Jackson, I P (Norwich); Jackson, Miss P K (Manchester); Johnson, T J (London); Jones, Mrs E A (Oxford); Jones, S (Salisbury); Jones, T A D (London); Kavanagh, D W (Dublin); Kitchen, A T (Toronto); Koh, Miss K S - L (Singapore); Kohler, N G (Johannesburg); Lambert, D M (Leeds); Lawson, Miss D T (Liverpool); McClushion, G (London); Mack, B D (Hertford); Maclaren, A S (London); Massey, R (Horsham); Mead, A M (Oxford); Michelakis, G (Sydney); Mitchell, N G (Manchester); Muck, K Y (London); Murphy, R F (London); O'Neill, C J (Dublin); O'Regan, K (Dublin); Padhiar, S (Croydon); Pape, Mrs K E (Norwich); Philp, D J (Cheltenham); Race, P M (Birmingham); Rama, B B (Wellington); Rambarran, R C (London); Reid, B L W (Auckland); Robinson, Miss E J A (London); Ross, N A G (Tunbridge Wells); Russell, N D (Horsham); Saunders, J P (Croydon); Savory, Mrs D A (Birmingham); Scott, Mrs C (Norwich); Silcock, Ms M D (Johannesburg); Slade, J R (London); Smith, C J (Bristol); Smith, Miss J M (Croydon); Smyth, A J (Salisbury); Spinks, Miss S (London); Stock, R A (London); Subotsky, D M (London); Taurog, J W (Johannesburg); Thomlinson, S J (Hertford); Thorne, D W (Salisbury); Thouless, R M (Bristol); Tomlinson, R (Cheltenham); Tooley, Mrs I J (London); Turner, Mrs T E (Horsham); Turri, I (Bristol); Waller, R M (London); Warsop, S P (Norwich); White, G R A (Croydon); Williams, P J (London); Windley, Miss A J (Croydon); Zondagh, P K (Cape Town).

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Management expenses to be disallowed

Johnson (Inspector of Taxes) v Prudential Assurance Co Ltd
Before Mr Justice Robert Walker
[Judgment May 15]

The expenses of management deductible by a life assurance company in computing the amount of allowable loss relief for Case I of Schedule D purposes had to be disallowed in arriving at the quantum of its profits for an accounting period in which the Inland Revenue had opted to tax it on the income minus expenses (I-E) basis, as retroactively recognised by section 65 of the Finance (No 2) Act 1992.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner (Mr D. A. Shirley) that had upheld an appeal by Prudential Assurance Co Ltd against an assessment to tax in respect of its accounting period ended December 1989.

Section 75 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, headed "Expenses of management: investment companies", provides:

"(1) In computing for the purposes of corporation tax the total profits for any accounting periods of an investment company resident in the United Kingdom there shall be deducted any sums disbursed as expenses of management (including commissions) for that period, except any such expenses as are deductible in computing profits apart from this section."

Section 76(1) of the Act applies section 75 to companies carrying on life assurance business.

Mr Christopher McCall, QC, for the Crown; Mr Peter Whiteman, QC, for Prudential.

MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the appeal turned on the correct construction of a few words in section 75(1) of the 1988 Act "except any such expenses as are deductible in computing profits apart from this section" as they applied, if they did apply, to life assurance companies.

Mr McCall submitted it was simply a matter of giving the words their natural meaning. The special commissioner, on the other hand, had found it an almost insoluble problem.

The Revenue had an option to tax a life assurance company on the I-E basis. Section 76 applied, so as to give a deduction, only if a life assurance company was not charged to tax under Case I of Schedule D. It was an ambiguous or obscure provision.

One was thrown back on a fair reading of the text of the 1988 Act and the 1992 Act. It had to be taken for granted, because the 1992 Act clearly so enacted, that an I-E profit could co-exist with a Case I loss, each requiring to be quantified by a real, and not merely notional or hypothetical, computation.

Construing it as a whole it was, as Mr McCall submited, intended to disallow management expenses which in an accounting period were actually, not notionally, deductible: in other words management expenses relevant to some real computation made for the purpose of charging tax.

The computation of an allowable Case I loss fell within the words "in computing profits apart from this section".

That was a natural reading of the statutory exception. On the whole the Crown's reading of the provision was not merely possible but was also correct.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Mr Derek J. Councell.

Amendment in pencil not operative

Co-operative Bank plc v Tipper
Before Judge Roger Cooke
[Judgment November 7]

Where a document consisted of print, type and ink writing, the most natural inference to draw of an amendment in pencil was that it was not, and not intended to be an operative and final alteration.

Judge Roger Cooke, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division in Manchester, so held in a chambers judgment reported with his Lordship's consent, in allowing an appeal brought by the plaintiff, Co-operative Bank plc against the decision of District Judge Beattie under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court that pencil alterations to the bank guarantee of the defendants, Mr and Mrs Gilbert Tipper, rendered the deed unenforceable.

Mr Ian Leeming, QC and Mr Nigel Bird for the bank; Mr Jeffrey Terry for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the defendants were the directors of a limited company which sought facilities from the bank. The bank gave facilities on the basis of security from the defendants personally and a third-party charge on their house.

The guarantee was a printed standard form document and the description of "the customer" was erroneously stated to be the defendants personally rather than their company. Accordingly, when their names and addresses were typed in as the guarantors it rendered the documents worthless.

The guarantee was kept in the custody of the bank. At some stage an employee of the bank struck through with a pencil five lines diagonally across the page on which the defendants were incorrectly described as "the customer" and inserted the name and address of their company.

It was important to remember that the court lived in the real world and some judicial notice had to be taken of the way in which particular writing instruments were used in modern times.

The pencil was quite an old writing instrument. No doubt in its early days its great advantage was it was an instrument you could carry with you anywhere and use at any time without the need to carry all the paraphernalia of ink pots and sanders.

With the arrival of the fountain pen and later the ball point pen it probably became of less significance.

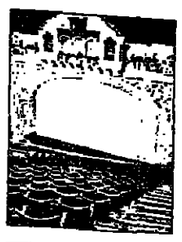
In modern times individuals might use it for writing and note taking in preference to the pen but one could not help noticing that in legal documents it commonly appeared as a form of annotation.

In his Lordship's judgment, where a document consisted otherwise of print, type and ink writing the most natural inference was that a pencil annotation was not, and not intended to be an operative and final alteration.

It was of course a question of the individual document and if the document was entirely in pencil between people who liked doing everything in pencil, pencilled alterations would have much greater force than in a document produced on a word processor.

In the present case, however, rectification would be open to the bank provided all the other issues were in their favour. Thus, the bank was not, by reason of the pencil addition, precluded from setting up rectification.

Solicitors: Brian Lord & Co, Manchester; Stunt & Son, Chelmsford.



■ THEATRE 1

The show must go on . . . video: why Britain should set up a national theatre archive



■ THEATRE 2

Comedy is in short supply in the RSC's new staging of *The Comedy of Errors*

THE TIMES ARTS



■ DANCE

Nice Mozart, shame about the movement, in Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker's new work



■ VISUAL ART

You don't have to be a member: Artangel opens the doors of a former gentleman's club

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a bold but cash-strapped bid to record the greats; plus a bittersweet Bard

Here's wonders we made earlier

Imagine calling up Kean's Othello, or Macready's Macbeth, or Sir Henry Irving as the vulpine murderer in *The Bells*, with the flick of a switch on a video-machine. Push fantasy further, and imagine watching Richard Burbage's Hamlet cowering at the feet of William Shakespeare's Ghost. What wouldn't you give to see a recording of those performances?

To put it another way, what would you feel about an era that had possessed the technology to give you such experiences, yet had refused to use it fully? An Arts Council paper made this very point in 1992: "We should not have forgiven our ancestors if they had had the opportunity to record Mozart playing the piano or film David Garrick acting and had failed to do so." With that fell warning ringing in its ears, the Theatre Museum took the initiative the same year. It began to build up an archive of theatrical recordings, has nearly 50 of them ready for viewing at its headquarters in Covent Garden, and wants to make many more. The only worry is this: can it find the money to do so?

Posterity will at least be able to watch Robert Stephens as Lear, Maggie Smith in Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women*, Michael Gambon as the restaurateur in David Hare's *Skylight*, and Donald McCann as the demented police superintendent in *The Steward of Christendom*.

But the £100,000 grant the museum received for this purpose from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts has long since run out, and money now has to be cadged from the odd benefactor. This means that our descendants will not be able to see for themselves why we made such a fuss of Antony Sher in *Stanley*, or Martin Shaw in *An Ideal Husband*, or Smith and Margaret Tyzack in Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* at Chichester, or Jim Broadbent and Brenda Blethyn in *Habeas Corpus* at the Donmar.

Not for the first time, the National Lottery is being asked to ride to the rescue. An application for £2 million has been with it for six months, and it is expected to give its response in September. That would buy at least 200 recordings in the next four years — not quite putting the museum's collection on a par with the archive at New York's Lincoln Centre, which already exceeds 1,800.

Since the British theatre is in far better health than the American, that figure is a rebuke in itself. Major recent performances — Helen Mirren in *A Month in the Country*, Gambon in *Volpone*, Diana Rigg in *Mother Courage* — have already eluded our archivists. However, the museum's collection does now include stuff as various as the Theatre de Complicite's *Street of Crocodiles*, Ken Campbell's *Jamais Vu*, the Branagh and Alan Cumming Hamlets, Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, and *Oliver!*

> "The aim is to give a snapshot of the type of work going on in any given year"

As that suggests, the aim is to be diverse yet representative. Margaret Benton, the museum's director and the project's begetter, says it is intended "to give a snapshot of the type of productions going on in Britain in any given year". But other criteria are also considered when a recording is commissioned: excellence, innovation, commercial success, rarity, educational value, and/or the involvement of significant directors, designers or performers.

Some plays — *Steward of Christendom*, for instance — are small and simply enough staged to need only a single camera moving from wide-shot to the occasional close-up from its position on the balcony. But if exits, entrances and the complexities of dialogue are to be adequately observed, two or three are necessary, plus an array of hidden stage mikes. The piece is always mixed "live" by a director, as plays once were on television; but the effect is not that of a television drama. The actors are not performing for the cameras in some more or less realistic location, but playing to a normal theatre audience on their usual set. You can hear the coughs and, as with Chekhov's *Cherry Orchard* at Stratford's thrust-stage Swan, sometimes see a few of the heads.

Does that sound drably objective? Such was not my feeling after watching Lia Williams expertly kill an unhelpful laugh in *Skylight* while Gambon raged and roared near by, or McCann sink into mottled despair in *Christendom*, or the distraught Stephens crooning in agonising close-up over the dead Cordelia. Actors, directors, students, scholars, anyone should emerge from the Theatre Museum's viewing room with a deeper understanding of both drama and performance.

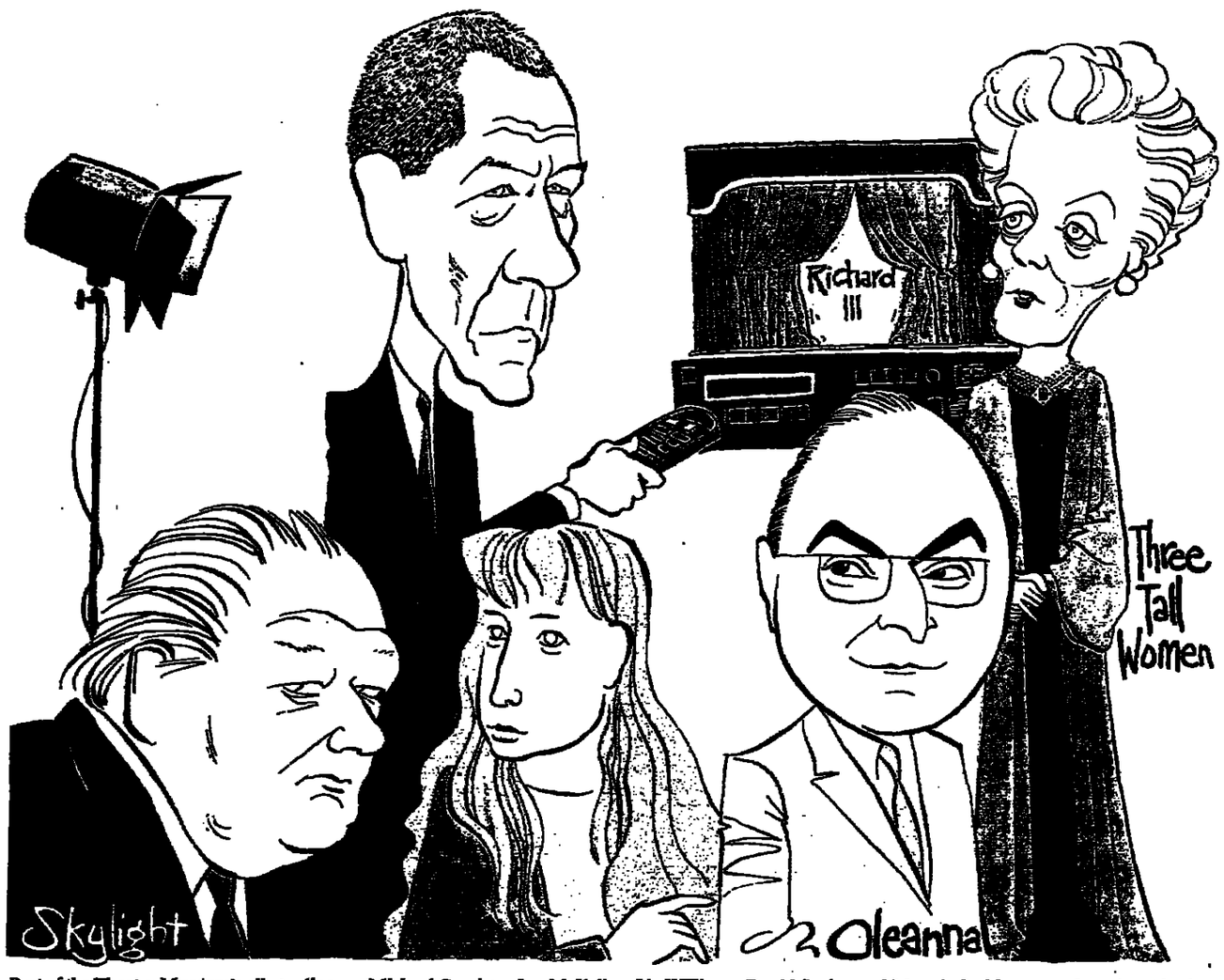
In fact, I watched one of its teachers analyse the opening of an RSC *Twelfth Night* for a group of young Americans, and then show them the moment when David Suchet's professor gives a student an avuncular pat in David Mamet's *Oleanna*, thus provoking the accusations of sexual abuse that destroy him.

But the collection has non-academic uses, too. Producers have given the go-ahead to foreign tours or, as in the case of the Ian McKellen *Richard III* and Jez Butterworth's *Mojo*, even to movies partly as a consequence of seeing the museum's videos.

Similarly, Stoke's Victoria Theatre was able to prove itself worth a new Arts Council grant by showing the assessor a recording of its miners-strike documentary, *Nice Girls*. That is, however, the only example of serious regional rep in the archive. One of the museum's plans is to shoot more out-of-town productions. Others are to extend its coverage of opera — so far represented by *King Arthur* at Covent Garden, *The Second Mrs Kong* at Glyndebourne and Kent Opera's Masque in *Dioclesian* — and to find ways of recording dance. But why should the lottery fund such stuff? Well, it is hard to believe that even Stephen Daldry's revival of *An Inspector Calls* or Cheek by Jowl's brilliant *Duchess of Malfi* would sell enough cassettes to cover their costs. In any case, commercial exploitation is not an option, for the theatre unions would then require payment for work that is now done gratis, and the £9,000 cost of a three-camera recording would more than double.

The museum hopes that one day the Arts Council will give companies the money to allow them to make high-standard videos themselves. Meanwhile, it is preparing for the day when you can walk through its doors and ask not only for a recording of any significant show but a package containing its reviews, articles about those involved, everything.

We may not be able to read Mrs Siddons's *Times* interview and then watch her perform the sleepwalking scene in *Macbeth*. But there is a good chance that when Simon Russell Beale first plays Hamlet, or Emma Fielding tackles Ibsen's *Doll's House*, we will be more fortunate.



Part of the Theatre Museum's all-star line-up: Michael Gambon, Ian McKellen, Lia Williams, David Suchet and Maggie Smith, as seen by John Minnion

Hollow laughs

I HAVE a theory about this play: when one actor portrays the two Antipholuses, and another actor the two Dromios, the play is funnier than when two actors, made up to resemble each other, are the Antipholuses and two others the Dromios.

Probably the reason for this will turn out to be that when one actor, ie, Desmond Barrit in the last RSC production, is taking both roles, we marvel at the lightning speed of the necessary changes. The technical triumphs give delight; we guffaw at each deception: the play is a farce.

But Tim Supple's production finds a darker perspective, and the tone is indicated by the slow fade that brings the first half to a close. Robert Bowman, the Antipholus from Syracuse, has had the gold chain pressed upon him. Since all the inhabitants of Ephesus are clearly deranged, he will leave the city as quickly as possible. But his exit is a measured one and the fading of the light is almost imperceptible. The mood is quiet, reflective, serious. The play is a drama.

The Comedy of Errors
The Other Place, Stratford

The Ephesus Antipholus is the twin with the shorter fuse, calling his wife harlot and strumpet when supposing her to have been false. In other productions the insults float across the stage because bewilderment bears them up, not fury. But Simon Coates is really enraged.

The mood is ugly and unkind. Even the list of wifely faults spoken by the Abbess (Ursula Jones) is given a raw, misogynist edge. The brick façade, designed by Robert Innes Hopkins, tilts at a different angle from the pavement and doubles as a prison cell, where Christopher Saul's unblinking Aegeon speaks of his world-weariness with passionate dignity.

The Tragicomedy of Errors is not a title to catch the groundlings, but it is the play Supple has given us.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Charlotte Mullins finds surprises in an empty building

Come in and contemplate

Gabriel Orozco is the latest artist to work with Artangel, the trust that supports artists who present temporary public projects to an ever-growing audience. *Empty Club* by Orozco is at 50 St James's Street, London SW1, a stone's throw from the Ritz, and marks the fourth collaborative commission by Artangel and Beck's beer. Like a previous Artangel/Beck's commission, Rachel Whiteread's *House*, Orozco's project takes a private interior space and presents it for public scrutiny.

Orozco has presented his site by simply opening the doors to 50 St James's Street and leaving the viewer to explore the slightly modified spaces. "This project is about how people see the space and how they understand it," he says. "The emptiness of the building makes it almost a metaphysical experience. It's almost as if the building has been put to sleep."

At 33, Orozco has already established a successful international career. Mexican by birth, he is now based in New York and spends periods in Europe. Currently living in London, he has chosen a former Georgian gambling den for his latest and most ambitious project.

The house at 50 St James's Street has a grand if somewhat chequered past. Built in 1827 for William Crockford, it was opened as a gaming club, later becoming the Devonshire Club, then the Jamaican High Commission. For the past seven years it has sat empty, its ornate gilt-and-marble entrance hall without purpose, its sweeping Regency staircase leading to first-floor grandeur and then to three additional floors of bland converted office space.

It is the history of the place that facinates Orozco. His eyes sparkle as he talks of his research into London clubs, and 50 St James's Street in particular. The finished site-intervention covers several floors of the building, delving into the history of gaming and games with wit and ingenuity. The viewer is invited to take an active role in enjoying the work, whether playing Orozco's inimitable form of billiards, relaxing in a deckchair watching bowls, or sitting in the chocolate-brown leather armchairs that evoke the smoky and exclusive world of the gentlemen's club.

Orozco sees the 19th-century club and its role within society as an important part of Britain's past. In this respect, the project recalls his earlier work such as *La D.S.* of 1993 and *Until You Find Another Yellow Schwalbe*, 1994. Both those works — the first, in Paris, a sculptural manipulation of the classic Citroen DS car, the second, in Berlin, a photographic documentation of a search for the German equivalent of the Lambretta — featured cultural icons of the cities where the work was conceived. In London Orozco has taken, not a vehicle, but a circulatory route, making the viewer move around the building.

Retaining the urban theme that runs through most of Orozco's work, the building becomes a medium through which to contemplate the urban landscape, from Telecom Tower and Piccadilly down to the river and Canary Wharf, over the rooftops. Internally, the building functions as a kind of city park: an artificial area to explore, and in which to think (about the past, yourself, the building, the work) with possible surprises around every door jamb and up every staircase.

Orozco has worked prolifically since he left Mexico, challenging preconceived Western ideas of Mexican art. He is often described as a "cultural nomad", a description to which he takes exception. "It's a way of putting my work in a comfortable compartment," he says. Instead, he likes to think he draws from different cultures that he passes through in order to illustrate his own agenda.

Orozco's personal contemplation of Crockford's Club is open until July 28. After that, 50 St James's Street will again lie dormant, awaiting its fate with a stiff upper lip. *La D.S.* and a selection of Orozco's more recent work will be on show at the ICA next month.



Inspired by the urban: "cultural nomad" Orozco

Cash, no credit

DANCE

Rosas
Festival Hall

IN ALL the hue and cry about funding for the arts, it is timely to be reminded occasionally that artists who have plenty of resources at their disposal do not necessarily make great art. Take the case of Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker.

Her Belgian company, Rosas, arrived at the Festival Hall on Wednesday with 13 dancers, three singers and a 39-piece period-instrument orchestra in tow. These are riches most choreographers working outside the big ballet companies can only dream about. So what does De Keersmaeker do with all of this in her 1992 work *Mozart/Concert Arias, un moto di gioia*? She tests our patience with two hours of half-formed ideas about love, flat-on-its-face humour and self-indulgent ramblings. On and on this piece goes; where it is headed nobody knows.

The dancers gather on stage like guests at a country house weekend. They skip barefoot to the lightly placed rhythms and engage amusingly with the plucky singers. As long as the guests are well-behaved, they seem to be listening to, and dancing with, Mozart's music. The atmosphere is coy and courtly, games on a summer's afternoon.

But as evening comes, emotions start to run a little high — one of the dancers starts sobbing — and the weight of weariness overtakes their movements. But these are determined party-goers, unwilling to call it a night (this is my scenario, you understand, not De Keersmaeker's) and, as they find their second wind, the choreography starts to head off in frantic and tedious directions. Dancers scrabble around on all fours like infants, ladies suffer attacks of the vapours, gentlemen indulge in silly competitions, and the party seems to go on for days.

Familiar De Keersmaeker trademarks are endlessly recycled: dancers with/without shoes (spare us the shoe fetishism, please); dancers with/without shirts, dancers flashing/not flashing their knickers. The choreography has a certain dogged determination and at times — especially the beginning and the end — a happy relationship with the music. But De Keersmaeker does not trust her musical instincts far enough; whenever she starts to think in non-musical ways, the jumble of her creative mind becomes apparent.

Yet the non-dancing elements of *Mozart/Concert Arias* are wonderful. The design, for starters. Despite problems with the lighting that regularly plunged it into darkness, Herman Sorgeloos's set of richly coloured parquet flooring and stylised hedges looked gorgeous, effectively combining drawing-room with manicured garden. Rudy Sabounghi's costumes are eccentrically fun: 18th-century brocade coats and breeches, bowed heels and skimpy 1990s black dresses.

And then there is the music, two hours of exquisite Mozart concert arias and divertimenti played by the fine Anima Eterna (conducted by Jos van Immerseel) and sung by three very game sopranos — Ursula Hesse, Sandrine Piau and Isolde Siebert. But for them, the entire evening would have been intolerable.

DEBRA CRAINE

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Curtain up on Peter Maxwell Davies's new *Doctor of Myddfai*

VENUE: Tonight at the New Theatre, Cardiff



OPERA

African tradition meets European avant-garde in *Or The Hapless Landing* at the Almeida

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

COMEDY DEBUT: The American comedian Bill Cosby brings his suave brand of humour to the London stage for the first time. Part of the JVC/Capital Radio Jazz Funk and Soul Festival. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN: Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation. **National Theatre** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens July 11

KENWOOD: Hilary Davan Wetton conducts the National Symphony Orchestra in an **Anglo-American Fireworks Spectacular** tomorrow, the 25th anniversary of the death of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Then, on Sunday, the conductor Noel Davies leads members of the English National Opera in a concert performance of Bizet's opera **The Pearl Fishers**. **Kenwood**, Hampstead Lane, NW3 (0171-413 1443). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; Sunday, 7pm

NAGANO CONDUCTS: The **London Symphony Orchestra** offers an attractive and haunting mix of works, including Mendelssohn's String Symphony, Takemitsu's *Fantasma/Cantos II* (soloist Ian Bousfield, trombone) and Strauss's great tone poem *Also sprach Zarathustra*. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Sunday, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Welsh National Opera gives the world premiere performance of **The Doctor of Myddfai**, a new commission by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies with a libretto by David Pountney. Sung in English, with a cast led by Paul Whelan. Richard Armstrong conducts. **New**, Park Place (01222 878 889). Tonight, 7.15pm

CHELTENHAM: Music Theatre Wales presents the premiere of **In the House of Crossed Desires**, a new opera by John Woolrich to a libretto by the novelist and critic Marina Warner. Tomorrow night's performance will open the 1996 Cheltenham International Festival of Music, with a repeat performance next Wednesday. **Everyman**, Regent Street (01242 572 573). Tomorrow, 8pm

EDINBURGH: Kenny Ireland directs the Royal Lyceum Theatre Company in Noël Coward's comedy **Blithe Spirit**. **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay Street (0131-229 9697). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat (13, 20), Wed (17), 2.30pm. Until July 27

YORK: This year's **York Early Music Festival** begins with the world premiere of *Caedmon* (York Minster, tonight, 7.30pm), Richard Shephard's new opera for children, with Stephen Varcoe in the title role. Also, on Saturday (8pm), Vox Animae presents Hildegard of Bingen's 12th-century opera *Ordo Virtutum*. **Festival box office** (01937 584123 for information and tickets). Until July 14

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS**: Daniel J Travanti plays the scholar pretending love for Hannah Gordon to get hold of Mona Lister's letters. Aunol Smith directs. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm

■ **BY JEEVES**: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, *based on the Wodehouse heroes' first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised*. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **HABEAS CORPUS**: Terrific cast for revival of Alan Bennett's modern farce. Brenda Blethyn, Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton, Jim Broadbent, Nicholas Woodeson, and Sam Mendes directing. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until July 27

◪ **THIS LIME TREE BOWER**: Clumsy seduction and a shambolic crime feature in award-winning Conor McPherson's new play, set in an Irish seaside town. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

■ **MARTIN GUERRE**: The latest Boublil & Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of *Les Mis* and *Miss Sai*. Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by Ian Glen and Juliette Caton in a tale based on the true 16th-century story of love, war and identity. **Prince Edward**, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens July 10, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

◪ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN**: Kate Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season, highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne and Lucy Whybrow (Jocasta and Antigone). **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. In rep.

☐ ***RAIN SNAKES***: Chamber play by P.O. Enquist (author of *The Hour of the Lynx*) about Hans Christian Andersen's longing to find fame as a tragedian. With Robert David Macdonald, Stan Thomas and Jason Morell. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Until July 20

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama. **Comedy**, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

NEW RELEASES

DEAD MAN (18): Striking existential Western from Jim Jarmusch, with Johnny Depp as an innocent at large in America's wilderness. **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

THE GODFATHER (18): Part one of Francis Coppola's 1972 classic. With Marlon Brando and Al Pacino. **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE** (PG): Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this enjoyable revival of the television series. With Jon Voight, Emmanuelle Beart. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Rio** (0171-254 6677)

WILD BILL: Incidents galore, but no momentum in a pretentious Western about Wild Bill Hickok. With Jeff Bridges. Director, Walter Hill. **NFT** (0171-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15): Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi. Director, David Anspaugh. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891) **MGM Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NOW AND THEN** (PG): Pleasant young performers improve a tedious script about girls growing up in 1970. With Christina Ricci, Rosie O'Donnell and Demi Moore. Director, Lesli Linka Glatter. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (01436 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SCREAMERS** (18): Man-made inventions get out of hand on a devastated planet. Eventful science fiction romp, with Peter Weller. Director, Christian Duguay. **ABC Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279)

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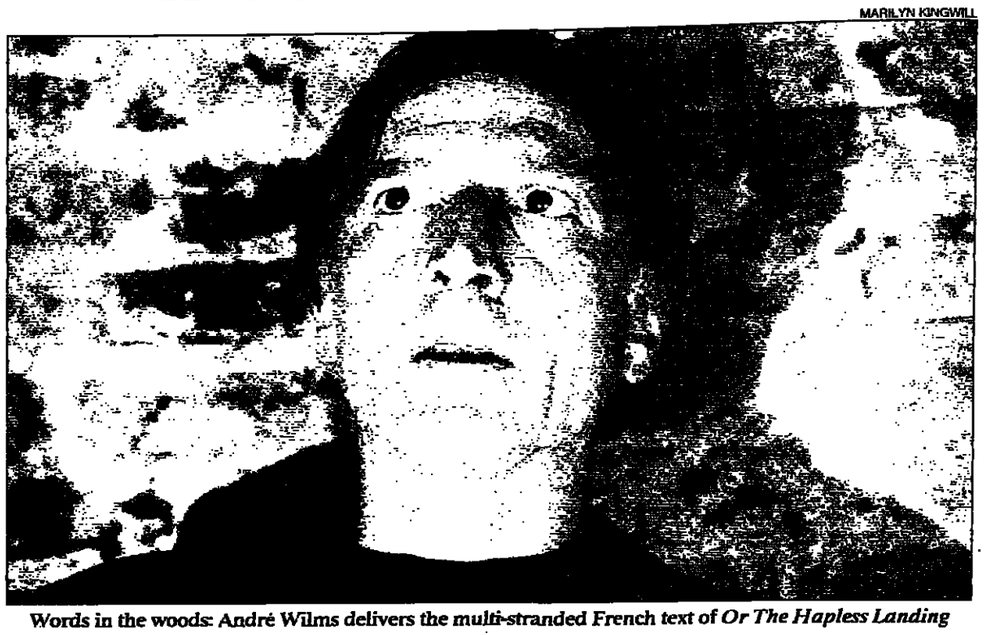
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Forest fire on a continental divide

MARILYN KINGWILL

ALMEIDA OPERA

Or The Hapless Landing
Almeida, N1



Words in the woods: André Wilms delivers the multi-stranded French text of *Or The Hapless Landing*

Almeida Opera seldom fails to surprise. Last year's delightfully unlikely success, Battistelli's "artisan musical" *Experimentum Mundi*, was revived last week to launch the current season, whose first new project is equally unlikely and, if not precisely delightful, then certainly attention-grabbing.

Heiner Goebbels's and Boubaker Djebaté's *Or The Hapless Landing* is a melodrama, text spoken over or against music. There are three strands of text, spoken mostly in French (André Wilms), on the subject of forests: Joseph Conrad's *Congo Diary*; Francis Ponge's meditative *Pinewood Notebook* of 1940; and Heiner Müller's *Hercules 2*, describing the hero's search for the Hydra ("the forest is the beast").

There are two strands of music: African, or more precisely Senegalese (Djebaté), and contemporary Western (Goebbels). The virtuoso Djebaté plays the kora, a harp constructed from a pumpkin, and a very well-tempered harp it is too, with nothing "primitive" about it. Sira Djebaté sings traditional Senegalese *Griots* quite exquisitely. Against them are ranged trombone, electric guitar, keyboard-sampler and — bridging the divide — the Daxophon, a small piece of wood sounded by a bow and amplified: the range of jungular noises it produces is simply bewildering.

As in all melodrama there is conflict between word and note: it is more difficult for the human brain to absorb the two when the words are not simply set to music. There is also conflict between two musical languages. At first I resented Goebbels's jazz-based, somewhat brutal modernism intruding on the less familiar Senegalese sound-world: gradually it became more African, with the trombonist Yves Robert sounding as though he had long been studying the cries of elephants. While nothing so vulgar as a synthesis was achieved, African rhythms eventually tempered and somehow tamed European inventions, just as Ponge's vaguely upbeat musings conversely tempered the terrors of Conrad and Müller.

That is just one reaction: as in all the best journeys into forests, there was no telling exactly where you were going. But at just over an hour, it was a musical journey that gripped the imagination from first to last.

RODNEY MILNES

OTHER LONDON OPERA

PUCCINI's **Suor Angelica**, the tale of the fallen nun, can easily degenerate into the clichés of kitsch, *Hilary Finch writes*. But when the composer's seriousness and austerity are taken at face value and juxtaposed with a work of vigorously contrasting style and temperament, the sparks begin to fly.

So it was on Monday, the opening night of the London Royal Schools' Vocal Faculty (LRSVF) production at the Royal College of a double-bill of *Suor Angelica* and Ravel's **L'Heure espagnol**. Counterbalancing Puccini's solemn convent sisters on the other side of the interval were the laconic and equally monochrome Pierrots who, in Mike Ashman's cunning production, acted as the horological spirits of Ravel's little opera.

Eloquent static groupings lit by a lunar blue in the Puccini were met by pantomimic mechanicals, in stepped sets of scarlet, yellow and blue, in the Ravel. The orchestra, conducted first by Michael Rosewell then by James Lockhart, lapped up the idiosyncrasies of both composers with equal relish.

The LRSVF had two strong focal points: in Franzita Whelan, whose inner passion rang through her powerful soprano from first to last; and in Florence Millon, a native-speaking French Concepcion whose stage presence was as vivacious as her voice.

In the Puccini, the stentorian Rebecca Hazard also made her mark as La Zia Principessa. And in the Ravel, Henry Moss's absurdly lyrical poet Gonzalve and Paul Robinson's supple and elegantly inflected baritone muleteer Ramiro contributed memorable performances.

ROBERTO ALAGNA, busy preparing for Monday's *Traviata*, has handed over the title role in **Don Carlos** to Julian Gavin for the last two performances. *John Higgins writes*. The two tenors are utterly dissimilar, and it says much for the power of Luc Bondy's production that it can accommodate such changes with impunity.

Gavin had the advantage of coming into a staging where all his partners were performing with the utmost security. But the young Australian, in his house debut, also had the disadvantage of being pitted against some of the world's great voices: Thomas Hampson (Posa), Karita Mattila (Elisabeth), Jose Van Dam (Philippe). There were few signs of his being overawed. He showed at his best in the reinstated "*lacrymosa*" scene. Here his voice, coupled with Van Dam's, soared over the orchestra as together they mourned Posa, the man they both believed to be a friend.

Gavin's chunky build and saucy face did no harm at all to Verdi's vision of puppy love in Fontainebleau forest. Under Bondy's guidance he grows up rapidly, if miserably: the Act II collapse at Elisabeth's feet was the performance of a man giving everything.

With Bernard Haitink showing much more drive in the pit and Martine Dupuy now making much of Eboli, this *Carlos* is the event of the operatic year to date, Alagna or no Alagna.

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LIVE GIG

Nation under a groove

ORIGINALLY scheduled for early May on a site in Oxfordshire, this mammoth outdoor dance party was then cancelled at the last minute. Fear of traffic congestion was the local council's official explanation for withholding a licence, although many read its decision as a thinly veiled snub to dance culture and its attendant drug problems.

As it happened, this rescheduled and relocated Tribal Gathering proved to be a tranquil, good-natured and professionally run affair. Drugs were far less evident than at more orthodox rock festivals, partly because of strict body-searches at the entrance gate, and the atmosphere around this wooded Bedfordshire estate remained naturally mellow throughout 15 hours of festivities.

The site was ringed by seven large marquees, each specialising in a different subgenre of the highly fragmented dance scene: jungle, hardcore, trance, progressive techno and so on. It also housed a busy fairground, bungee-jumping platform and numerous market stalls. The resemblance to conventional rock festivals was not coincidental, since this event is run by the same umbrella company, London's Mean Fiddler organisation.

Tribal Gathering
Luton Hoo Estate

Astutely, when initiating the first Tribal Gathering last year, this largely rock-based company joined forces with dance promoters Universe. The offspring of this marriage was a healthy hybrid of rave and rock festival, attracting a colourful crowd of around 30,000 curious tourists and outsiders alongside serious ravers, spiky-topped punk veterans and hippy revivalists.

Recent shifts in musical fashion have helped to fuel this crossbreed spirit. Where pure electronics and pristine ambient mood once dominated techno's snobbish inner circle, thumping rock drums and distorted keyboard riffs now prevail — hence the powerful and hugely popular headline show by modish DJ duo the Chemical Brothers, with their brutally abrasive industrial beats, and the presence of raucous funk-propelled rockers Black Grape.

With roughly 80 acts from across the globe, it was impossible to sample everything. Notable highlights, though, included the astounding trip-hop symphonies of revitalised breakbeat innovators Coldcut and the early-morning turntable gymnastics of DJ Rap.

Ultimately, the second Tribal Gathering was a pleasingly open-minded triumph.

STEPHEN DALTON

POP ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** reports Electronic's guitarist missing in action

Yes, but where's Johnny?

ELECTRONIC
Raise the Pressure
(Parlophone/EMI 8 52168)
THIS tardy follow-up to Electronic's 1991 debut finds the "super-duo" of Bernard Sumner and Johnny Marr marginally updating their sound, but otherwise sticking to the suave synth-pop formula with which they started.

While Sumner's vocals follow in a straight line from his work with New Order, Marr is rapidly turning into the most reluctant guitar hero since Eric Clapton went into denial after the break-up of Blind Faith. Apart from a discreet feedback-driven solo in *Forbidden City*, the former Smiths guitarist hardly registers his presence, other than on keyboards and bass, for most of the album.

On the early tracks, *For You* and *Dark Angel*, Electronic tunefully bridge the gap between the 1980s synth-pop of the Human League and the 1990s indie-pop of the Lightning Seeds. However, as the album unfolds, the added input of guest vocalist Denise Johnson and keyboard maestro Karl Bartos of Kraftwerk lend a refreshing new impetus to the mix. In particular Johnson's harmonies on the poignant *Second Nature* and the bumping techno rhythm tracks of *If You've Got Love* and *Freefall* underline the duo's renewed sense of purpose and bring a surprising sense of timeliness to *Raise the Pressure*.



Electronic — Bernard Sumner and Johnny Marr — have produced a "surprisingly timely" follow-up to their 1991 debut

VERNON REID
Mistaken Identity
(Epic 483921)
BEST known as guitarist in the now defunct Living Colour, Vernon Reid is one of those players who like to crank up the volume, but whose technique and broad understanding of music are surplus to the requirements of the heavy-rock genre. Hoping to avoid a trip to fusion limbo, he has taken a detour to the borderlands of hip-hop with *Mistaken Identity*.

Working with a nucleus of musicians that includes one DJ Logic on turntables and bop clarinettist Don Byron, with additional help from rappers Beans and Chubb Rock, Reid is careful not to overplay his hand on funky beat-box grooves such as *CP Time* and *Lightnin'*.

He throws his hat into an overcrowded ring with a scrappy tribute, *Saint Cobain*, then puts himself in a class of one as he takes off on a white-knuckle ride to the avant jazz-rock badlands on *What's My Name*.

It is brilliantly put together and performed. The constant twists and surprises make it a difficult but ultimately rewarding album to assimilate.

NORMA WATERSON
Norma Waterson
(Hannibal/Rykodisc HN 1393)
AS singer in the Watersons since 1964, Norma Waterson has been at the helm of one of England's most distinguished folk dynasties, but without releasing an album in her own right, until now. With a dream band in tow, comprising her husband, Martin Carthy (guitar), and daughter, Eliza Carthy (violin), Richard Thompson (guitar) and Danny Thompson (bass), the 56-year-old veteran has at last got round to recording a selection of mostly modern songs, arranged in a gentle folk-rock idiom.

The opening track is a gorgeous interpretation of the Grateful Dead's *Black Muddy River*, which Waterson sings with spine-tingling grace. And while she never repeats the effect with quite the same intensity, there are echoes of Sandy Denny-era Fairport Convention in her version of Ben Harper's *Pleasure And Pain* and similarly engaging performances of songs by Elvis Costello (*The Birds Will Still Be Singing*), Billy Bragg (*St Swithin's Day*) and Richard Thompson (*God Loves A Drunk*), among others.

PLACEBO
Placebo
(Elevator Music/Hut 7243 8 41861)
SO, there was an American, a Swiss and a Swede who met in London and decided to form a group called Placebo. The punchline is a debut album of unusual excellence, if rather doubtful stylistic provenance.

A bunch of glam-punks with the musical instincts of progressive rockers, they tend to play a little too fast for their own good. Brad Wood's lightweight production and singer Brian Molko's seemingly helium-assisted vocals make it sound at times like a Rush record played at the wrong speed. But they have plenty of drive and no shortage of ideas.

There is also the matter of Molko's ambiguous sexuality, a wild card which they produce with a flourish on the lyric of *Nancy Boy*. This is a group that we will all be talking about for some time to come.

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The mother of invention

In which the mystery of what happened to Gabrielle, 1993's brightest young thing, is solved

Sometimes this world is beyond figuring out. War, disease, pestilence, cigarettes actually being bad for you, *Friends* being massively successful ... I can't even begin to understand why all these things are so.

Another thing to add to this list of injustices is the chart position of Gabrielle's most recent single: 23. *Twenty-three*. If someone goes to all the trouble of recording *Forget About the World*, one of the summer's most luxuriously troubled ballads, a four-minute slink through the sweat, sweetness and claustrophobia of a London heatwave, and it only gets to No 23, then what hope do the Irish peace talks have? Still, Gabrielle's being quite Zen about it all. She, like any stout British citizen, is blaming it on the weather.



CAITLIN MORAN

"Well, it's been quite rainy, hasn't it?" she says. "And *Forget About the World* is a very summery, heatwave record. As soon as we get more than four days of sun, I reckon it'll go back in the charts. So I'm watching Michael Fish and Bill Giles with eagle eyes."

Over the years Gabrielle has learnt to roll with the punches. As with any artist who has a womb they intend to use, Gabrielle's career has been stop-start, juggling Being a Genius with Being a Mother. After kicking off her recording career with what became 1993's national anthem, *Dreams*, and picking up a Brit Award for Best British Newcomer with her million-plus selling debut album, *Find Your Way*, she disappeared.

"I was having a baby, wasn't I?" she says. "I knew the night he was conceived and everything. You wake up in the morning and you know that it's you plus one — your belly feels like something's just started, just been planted."

Unfortunately the Happiest Time in a Woman's Life was slightly marred by the presence of the child's father. "I'd just had the baby, right," Gabrielle says, bristling with indignation, "just pushed this thing with a head the size of a football out into the world, and while they were weighing him I reached over and started eating chocolate to reward myself for being so brave.

"And *he* says: 'You gotta start losing weight now, girl. You've become real disgusting. Lay off the chocolate.' I mean!" Gabrielle looks revolted by the memory.

"Anyway, the least said about him the better; like, thanks for the baby, but breaking up with him was the best thing I ever did."

As with any tempestuous relationship, it left its mark on Gabrielle's music: her current album, *Gabrielle*, sighs and shivers with the break-up and fall-out of their time together. The slow, haunted ballads smart with the soul-exhaustion of trying to cope with a troubled individual on a day-to-day basis; and the up-tempo numbers bristle with relief and resolution at finally being free.

What is amazing is the sheer *poppiness* of *Gabrielle*. Over 13 tracks of a swing-Motown hybrid, Gabrielle's silk-soft voice always manages to find the brighter side of things by the third verse; and every track here could be lifted as a single. *Have You Ever Wondered* bursts into life with a sparkling, Smiths-esque acoustic guitar intro, and skips into one of the most life-affirming choruses this side of *Groove is in the Heart*.

And the board meeting at which Gabrielle's record company has to decide between *There She Goes*, *Our Love is Over* and *I Live in Hope* as the next single is bound to be fraught. It may have to be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

"I love all pop," she declares. "I've got a poster of Liam from Oasis at home. People think it's weird that a black woman's into white rock, but y'know — anything and everything that's good."

What a brilliant description of Gabrielle.

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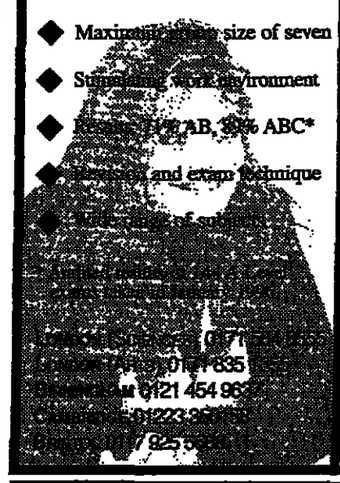
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EDUCATION

A future for the excluded

Hugh Thompson reports on government and school efforts to help pupils who are sent home

The seemingly inexorable rise in school exclusions has meant that the subject is seldom out of the headlines for long. Next week it will be back when Robin Squire, the Education Minister, outlines the Government's thinking on how to reverse the trend.

Mr Squire will confirm the intention to increase the maximum length of suspensions from school and will promise new measures to cope with disruptive pupils. But many in the education world believe that a fresh approach is needed to control the problem.

The figures show that in 1995, 12,500 children were permanently excluded (expelled) from schools in England. That compared with a 1991 figure of fewer than 3,000.

Several main reasons are given for this depressing trend. First, as schools have become more conscious of their place in the performance leagues, they are less tolerant of pupils who consume a lot of resources and contribute nothing to their league position.

Teachers' unions have become more militant about members not only being abused but having to be the backstop for a variety of social problems. There is the feeling that as all authority is diminished, so the problems in handling older teenagers in particular become harder. At least half of those permanently excluded are 15 or 16.

However, Carl Carsons, Reader in Education at Christ Church College, Canterbury, who undertook the last national survey into exclusions, says: "The picture is patchy. While some areas have found the whole problem increasingly difficult, especially in terms of reintegrating students, others have managed to get a hold on the situation.

"Some local education authorities' exclusion rates are ten times higher than others', and the variations cannot be explained by the socio-economics of the area."

One authority that does show distinct improvement is Lincolnshire. Permanent exclusions in the county, in line with national trends, rose from 42 in 1991 to 138 last year. This year, with only half a term to go, the figure is down to 110.

> 'For many children, just being forced to change schools is often enough to make them wake up'

Bill Rogers, the head of the county's Emotional and Behavioural Support Service, says: "If we have any message for other areas, it is the value in integrating the support system and the pupil referral units, where those who are permanently or temporarily excluded are taught.

"We are running in-service programmes in many schools, helping to train teachers and support staff to handle disruptive pupils. It is important that consistent systems are set up and that pupils are rewarded as well as punished.

"But this contact means that we are aware of what is going on and we can take a preventive role and help difficult pupils — before they are excluded."

The Lincolnshire figures show that 35 per cent of those who have been permanently excluded do go back to a mainstream school, some almost the next day. Others will return after a period at a referral unit.

Timothy Daniells was one such boy. Not only was his behaviour erratic, but he had often moved house. By the time he was 13, he had been to nine schools and finally ended up in one of the county's four pupil referral units.

Steve Acres, his team leader at the unit, says: "Once we had him in a class of nine, everything changed. His work got better, and with it his attitude. It wasn't all bad news and he started to react positively. What we run here is a small school, not a glorified youth club. I don't believe in any child being totally impossible. Many of those we cannot get back into the mainstream have physical or mental problems and needed social education from the start."

After eight weeks, Timothy was ready to go back to secondary school for two days a week. After a term, he was able to cope, and has recently completed his GCSEs.

In Lincolnshire, referral units are seen as revolving doors, not rubbish dumps. It is cheaper for society to spend money on trying to reintegrate student such as Timothy Daniells at school age than to pay £2,500 a week to incarcerate him later in life.

But it isn't only individuals who need help. Two years ago, a school in the south of the county was almost at breaking point. Its permanent exclusions accounted for almost 20 per cent of the total of the 260 schools in the county.

The support services, with the staff's co-operation, drew up guidelines for rules and rewards. There were teach-ins for the staff and special trips for pupils who had achieved acceptable levels of behaviour. Dinner ladies and playground supervisors were also involved because disruptive behaviour anywhere in the school can spill into the classroom. Two years later, the school has not only been commended by school inspectors for its discipline but is visited by other schools.

Mr Rogers says: "For many children, just being forced to change schools is enough to make them wake up, but for others there has to be a more integrated approach."

RAISSA PAGE



Out on a limb: how can education win him back for his and society's sake?

Hands off academic autonomy

A national quality quango is not the answer, says **Geoffrey Alderman**

Last March a group of senior academics and ministers from former Soviet-bloc states met in Erfurt in Germany to consider the proper relationship between universities and the State. They adopted ten theses, informed by certain basic ideas: the State must respect academic freedom and allow universities to regulate their own standards. In return, universities must guarantee transparency of process and public accountability.

In Britain, no such mutual understanding exists. A Joint Planning Group (JPG) is considering how to set up a single, nationwide quality assurance agency to replace the Higher Education Quality Council and the subject-specific quality assessments undertaken by Government-controlled funding councils.

A report by the JPG in April has been criticised by vice-chancellors, who are suspicious of a national body on which the universities would be in a minority, and which would have ultimate control over academic standards.

The Government appears adamant that where so much taxpayers' money is involved, it must have the right to lay down standards and to inspect quality.

No one in higher education is arguing that institutions should not be held accountable for the quality of services they provide. But there is no agreement with Government over what quality in higher education *is*. In industry it is defined as "fitness for purpose", or satisfying the customer. Such definitions are out of place in colleges and universities, where what is important is fitness *of* purpose. The overriding purpose of higher education is to engage in dialogue. And insofar as the student may be considered the customer, the aim is to *change* rather than satisfy the customer.

Quality in higher education cannot be defined by reference to a set of bureaucratic procedures. Rather, in the words used at Erfurt, quality is "the working philosophy which the university employs to achieve the goals it has set for itself, including the maintenance of academic standards. Such standards are defined as the explicit levels of attainment needed to obtain particular academic qualifications and other assessed outcomes."

Universities set their own goals. They can, of course, be inspected to see whether those goals are being achieved, but in a higher education system as richly diverse as we now have in Britain, they cannot be judged against some super-benchmark. There is no "gold standard".

> 'There is no gold standard in a system so richly diverse'

Such arguments do not find favour with the present Government, which wishes to inject into higher education a particular market philosophy, whereby the funding of teaching would be linked to inspection outcomes, or "graded profiles".

League tables may inform public choice of football teams, but such measurements are too crude to be applied sensibly in this instance.

The Government could impose its *fiat* through legislation, but that would be unwise because the willing co-operation of the institutions would be absent. A more practical approach would be to ask the universities and colleges to design a system with which they would feel comfortable. They would then be required to report their methods and findings publicly.

In academia, peer pressure and public reputation are potent weapons. Institutions that did not reach the threshold would be shamed out of business.

● *Professor Alderman is Head of the Academic Development and Quality Assurance Unit at Middlesex University.*

How do you change the culture of a £75 million-a-year institution? **David Charter** investigates

The battle for a university's soul

More than 18 months after a staff revolt led to the resignation of its Vice-Chancellor, Portsmouth University will next week name his successor.

The sheer length of time it has taken the former polytechnic to find a replacement reflects the enormous problems involved in changing the culture of a £75 million-a-year institution.

Portsmouth's troubles were seen by many as highlighting shortcomings in the structure of the new universities set up by the 1988 Education Reform Act. Neil Merritt was usurped in December 1994 as much because of criticism of his expenses claims as by a widespread view among staff that he operated an autocratic power structure.

Concerns about his behaviour, claiming for first-class airline tickets while travelling in cheap seats, were exacerbated by inadequate communication channels. Lecturers felt powerless in the decision-making process: the atmosphere was ripe for intrigue.

The sinks in the Vice-Chancellor's top-floor lavatory were said to have gold taps. That this belief circulated widely showed both the extent of the rumour mill and the level of mistrust.

Since then, Portsmouth's governing board has undergone a long process of self-examination. The appointment next week will be accompanied by a host of proposals for reform, in a document it will circulate to all universities. Portsmouth hopes that this will not only safeguard it from future troubles but become a model of good practice.

Caroline Williams, the new chairwoman of governors, said: "The main problem in the sector is the relationship between the management, academic council and the the board of governors. Like probably all of the new universities, we had not got to grips with how to make that structure work."

Governors have ultimate responsibility, but at Portsmouth they were felt to exercise too much power. The board was dominated by local business people. The new proposals will strengthen the academic board's influence by better links with governors.

MIKE WALKER



Neil Merritt, the former Vice-Chancellor of Portsmouth

Mrs Williams said: "In the end, you are a big business. You have to be managed. But we are not an ordinary business. We are also a community of scholars — and it is all about how you pull those two together. Previously, those two strands were running separately here."

The key proposals aim to ensure openness. Staff complained there was nowhere to go if they were unhappy with governors' decisions. Traditional universities have an external scrutineer — the visitor — to investigate such complaints.

Portsmouth is to establish a Chancellor's Court for this purpose. Composed of the Chancellor and two others appointed by him, it will consider complaints presented by a minimum of four governors, enough to ensure that staff can raise issues through their representatives. The court will be able to call on the full board to review decisions.

Along with this safety valve, there will be an annual survey of staff opinion, followed by monitored action plans, as well as an annual open forum.

A nominations committee will be set up to find new governors, replacing a system referred to as "mystical" by senior staff, to ensure a broad balance of board members.

Openness, however, brings its own peculiar challenges. Governors did not publish the full inquiry into events surrounding Mr Merritt's departure because of lawsuit fears. (It is available to staff.)

The determination to involve staff closely in the recruitment of the new Vice-Chancellor led to the collapse of the first search. The best candidates were said to have pulled out because they thought the process was too open.

Staff morale cannot be said to be perfect, but the main concerns now are the government cuts hitting the whole of higher education.

Mrs Williams is convinced that the university has matured over the last 18 months. She says: "One can never be sure, however wonderful your procedures, that someone one day won't do something improper and break them. But I think that we are stronger now, and that if it had not happened, we would have muddled on and none of the real issues behind it would have been addressed at all."

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What are the signs of a good prep school?

Scholarships may provide the answer, reports **Susan Elkin**

Choosing a good, suitable prep school for a child is a minefield. Conflicting, confusing or even misleading information is all too common. No two schools are the same and there is not a school in Britain — maintained or independent — which does not have something good, interesting and unusual to offer.

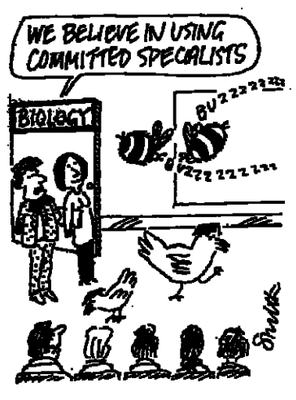
Anyone who elects to buy independent education is proposing to spend large sums and there are plenty of providers fiercely competing for "market share". How are parents to make a wise choice?

Of course, there is no substitute for visiting the schools, talking to pupils and staff and looking at the facilities. But getting the "feel" of a school is subjective. Parents obviously want to know how many children pass Common Entrance and gain admission to their chosen senior independent — or sometimes maintained sector — school.

Beyond that, looking carefully at the numbers of scholarships awarded and finding out what these actually mean can be a useful source of objective information. A school which gets large numbers of scholarships is probably providing a lot of individually targeted "extension" work. There is usually a wealth of opportunity for the development of every talent, too — music, drama, art, sport and so on. Whether a child wins a scholarship or not she or he must benefit from being educated in a school with these priorities.

All schools try to offer a holistic experience (a "rounded" education), so does it matter how many scholarships a prep school achieves? Scholarships of all types are, after all, awarded only for proven excellence or ability. And although most scholarships represent some kind of cash benefit to the parent, the kudos and recognition of achievement is often just as important.

Broadwater Manor, a mixed prep school in Worthing, Sussex, provides an interesting example. There are 20 pupils in its top year due to transfer to senior school this autumn. Fourteen have won scholarships. Five more pupils, who are two years younger, have also won scholarships this year. Any school which can win 19 scholarships in a single year is clearly doing very well.



David Telfer, Broadwater Manor's head, says: "The value can be high. A 50 per cent award at Lancing College which we have won this year — not for the first time — is worth more then £6,000 per annum for five years. That's a total of at least £30,000 and it's inflation-proof."

Between them, other Broadwater Manor pupils have scooped two art scholarships, three music awards and two for sport at various Sussex senior schools.

Of Broadwater Manor's five younger scholars, four of them hold much sought-after "continuation" scholarships for Brighton College and Lancing. Mr Telfer says: "It means that the senior school pays 20 per cent of the student's fees for his or her last two years in this school. We match that with a further 20 per cent. The boy or girl is then guaranteed a 20 per cent award at the senior school but she or he is asked to sit the 13-plus scholarship examination papers with a chance of enhancing the award still further. In most cases the award is enhanced."

So how is it done, given that Broadwater Manor pupils have been awarded more than twice as many scholarships in 1996 as senior pupils achieved there in 1995? "We work very hard at maximising the potential of all our pupils," Mr Telfer says. "We laid on compulsory extra classes during Christmas and Easter holidays and at both spring and summer half-terms. Though the scholars are lauded and gain much praise, we see them as merely the representatives of the achievements of all our pupils."

Mr Telfer and his colleagues are also committed to subject-based teaching "because pupils gain so much from being taught by committed specialists". He also ensures that all pupils get plenty of breadth and balance, arguing that "no pupil can learn from 9am to 4pm without a good mixture of light and shade". That is why there are more PE lessons on the timetable than any other subject.

It is a foolish prospective parent who denigrates the scholarship achievement of a prep school as peripheral or only relevant to a minority. It can tell you a great deal about the school and help in the making of a fully informed decision.

ATHLETICS

Relieved Gunnell harbours hopes of Olympic gold

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN MAGGLINGEN, SWITZERLAND

MOST things are possible given the will to succeed, as the photograph showing a man sitting back to front on a bicycle, pedalling along while playing the violin, indicates to visitors here at Switzerland's foremost sports science institute. Sally Gunnell arrived at this small mountain village yesterday wondering whether her athletics career was finished, but departed four hours later saying she thought she could still win another Olympic gold medal. The seemingly impossible had become, in her mind, the possible.

Gunnell still believes that she can retain her Olympic 400 metres hurdles title in Atlanta four weeks hence despite pulling up with a sharp pain in her foot during a grand-prix race in Lausanne on Wednesday. Jon Bigg, her husband, readily admitted the size of the task, drawing a metaphor from his surroundings. "It's going to be a mountain for her to climb," Bigg said.

After an emergency diagnosis from the Swiss doctor who rescued her career from injury once before, the news for Gunnell was as good as she could have hoped. She had limped away from the stadium anxious that she might be facing another operation because the injury at the bottom of her left Achilles tendon, which forced her to pull up at the seventh hurdle, was "horribly similar", as Bigg put it, to the one she suffered to her right foot last year and which prevented her defending her world title.

When her surgeon, Dr Roland Biedert, told her that she had merely inflamed the attachment of the tendon to the bone, and that the injury was less serious than the one which put her out of hurdling for 20 months, Gunnell smiled with relief. Clutching an envelope containing the results of her scan, she said: "I felt my whole life was in this one envelope. I am so relieved."

Gunnell, 29, has set 1997 as her probable farewell season but would have quit now had she needed an operation on her left foot similar to the one performed on her right. She would, she said, not want to spend another full year working her way back to fitness. "She has a good chance of competing in Atlanta, but not a 100 per cent chance," Dr Biedert said.

"Inflamation like this takes two to three weeks recovery but we went for aggressive therapy, a local homeopathic injection to accelerate the healing process." His quick fix remedy comprises, among other things, ant poison. Dr Biedert, who has treated Roger Black, Noureddine Morceli, Linford Christie and Irina Privalova at the centre, said he had never used this treatment on an elite performer but that it had been effective in 90 per cent of cases involving local athletes.

He was cautious, however, saying no local athlete had needed to put their injury to the test so soon, or so severely, as Gunnell. "It is very difficult to say, in percentage terms, what her chances are of competing in the Olympics."

Gunnell will relax until the weekend then begin walking and stretching. At the end of next week she will try light running and only then have some idea whether her tendon can take the strain of hurdling. "I would not want to go into the Olympics without hurdling again," she said. While her fitness has not been in doubt — she ran close to a personal best 400 metres in Gateshead on Sunday — her technique needs attention.

"If I thought I was going to make up the numbers, I probably would not bother. If my foot is still hurting in a couple of weeks' time, and I have not been able to do good sessions, maybe I will have second thoughts about the Olympics." She admitted to arriving here wondering: "Is that going to be the end?"

Her race in Lausanne was her first against Kim Batten and Tonja Buford-Bailey, the United States hurdlers who have dominated the event in Gunnell's absence, and she appeared to be matching them closely down the back straight. "I still feel I can beat these girls," Gunnell said. "If I won the bronze medal I am not sure I would be happy.

"I know what it feels like to win the gold. I have gone through a hell of a lot and I need a bit of luck at the moment."

JULIAN HERBERT



Baldwin, of the United States, on her way to a narrow defeat by Wicki, from Switzerland, in the women's sculls at Henley yesterday

Spotlight focuses on Johnson v Fredericks

THE talk in Oslo tonight at the Bislett Games, will be not of the Dream Mile but of the dream sprint (David Powell writes). The meeting's traditional highlight, in which Seb Coe, Steve Cram and Steve Ovett each set world records, is back on the programme after being cancelled last year, but it hardly compares in appeal with the 200 metres. Michael Johnson against Frankie Fredericks is as mouth-watering as the customary strawberry party that goes with this grand prix.

Johnson, unbeaten for two years at the distance, is the world champion and, only 12 days ago, broke Pietro Mennea's 17-year-old world record. Fredericks, Johnson's predecessor as world champion, set an indoor world record in February and, in Lausanne on Wednesday, ran arguably the finest 100 metres in history. Though he missed the world record of 9.85sec by 0.01sec, he became the first athlete under 9.93sec into a head wind.

If the Olympic Games in Atlanta next month could be scripted, it would be for Johnson, as the 400 metres champion in a world-record, to meet Fredericks, as the 100 metres champion in a world record, over the half lap. Such a notion is hardly far-fetched.

Fredericks said in Lausanne that he was still undecided whether to run the 100 or 200 metres in Atlanta, though surely he must do both. Linford Christie, who appears to have little chance of retaining his Olympic 100 metres title if Fredericks appears, withdrew yesterday from the Bislett Games. He finished a distant fifth behind Fredericks in Lausanne and went straight to his doctor in Munich to have treatment on a troublesome hamstring.

Eton catch crab, Welsh crew catch Eton

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE Henley weather continued to punish the competitors at the Royal Regatta yesterday and the mighty as well as the lesser mortals duly suffered. However, few had so bad a time of it as Eton in the Temple Cup. A quarter of a length up at the Barrier, the Eton eight lost to University of Wales by one length.

Eton had caught a crab at the Half Mile — "a real boat stopper," Bruce Grainger, the coach, said — and, against an accomplished Cardiff crew, who hope to represent Wales this summer, it was the end of Henley for the national schools' champions.

Times of well over 9½ minutes were not uncommon in the women's sculls yesterday. One early casualty was Sue Appelboom, a Great Britain lightweight international, who seemed to have her race against Rachel Stanhope sewn up at halfway, but, weighing 8st 12lb, then struggled against the headwind. She allowed her rate to drop to 29 strokes per minute from the scheduled 32, and Stanhope, aged 31 and 10st 7lbs, came through to win "easily", a verdict which seemed a little harsh on Appelboom.

Bernadette Wicki, from Switzerland, and Sarah Baldwin, of the United States, produced a remarkable race in the same event, given the prevailing conditions. They sculled almost stroke for stroke for well over a mile before Wicki, slightly heavier, just eased ahead. Another Swiss, and the world champion and favourite, Maria Brandin, enjoyed a 4½ stone advantage over Nicky Dale, a British lightweight, and consequently won easily.

Richard Stanhope, husband of Rachel, and Martin Cross, a selected pair with 30 international appearances between them, came through unscathed in the Silver Goblets, as did the other selected British crew in this event, Jon Singfield and Adrian Cassidy, although the latter received several steering warnings.

In the opening skirmishes of the Ladies' Plate Challenge Cup, both the United States national lightweight eight from Boston and their British equivalents from Nottingham County/London produced times faster than heavier crews in the worst of the day's wind, leaving some to wonder why both had not joined the German and Dutch lightweights in the Grand Challenge Cup event.

The Swiss duo of Gunter Schneider and Jur Havermayr, a selected crew with a combined weight of more than 32 stone, beat a German crew by a four-length margin in the Double Sculls. Mark Hammond and Dan Johnson, Great Britain's under-23 double, fell to Jens Bulow and Marko Schwalbe, from Germany, in the first round.

Selected crews all survived the Thames Cup for eights, although Nottingham BC were pushed by the South Africans from Wemmer Pan and London B made Wallingford work hard. Newcastle University, whose stroke man, Alex Robinson, is dyeing his hair a different colour every day for luck, produced the first defeat for a selected crew when they beat Princeton, USA, in the Temple Cup.

In the Princess Elizabeth Cup, Oundle ended the Eton second eight's run of success over other schools' first eight's and Camford put out the selected crew from Abingdon.

The Worcester four continued to ride its luck in the Wyfold Cup. Their Swiss opponents hit the booms on Wednesday and Tyne RC did the same yesterday after 12 strokes. Nottingham BC, who meet Worcester in the third round today, must be careful.

RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Thames Cup
Holders: Imperial College, London
FIRST ROUND: Furnivall bt Thames Tradesmen 1l, 7mn 8sec. Defence Forces (Ire) bt Durham 2½l, 7 16.
Second round
Auriol Kensington bt Bewl Bridge ½l, 7.21
Tideway Scullers bt Lea 1½l, 7.09
Nottingham bt Wemmer Pan (SA) ½l, 6 65
Wallingford A bt London B ¾l, 7.11
Essen-Kupferdreen (Ger) bt Agecroft 1¼l, 7:22
Neptune bt Furnivall 4½l, 7.04
London A bt Defence Force easily, 7:01

Temple Cup
Holders: Oxford Brookes University
FIRST ROUND: Oxford Brookes Univ B bt Exeter Univ ½l, 7:11; Churchill Coll, Cambridge bt Imperial Coll, London B ¾l, 7:15
Second round
Univ of London bt Leeds Univ 4l, 7:12
Dartmouth Coll B (US) bt Queen's Univ, Belfast 2½l, 7.17
Imperial Coll, London A bt Nottingham Univ B 5l, 7:15
Nottingham Univ A bt Calus Coll, Cambridge easily, 7:16
Cherwell B bt Grand Valley State Univ (US) 4l, 7:28
Univ of Wales Coll bt Eton 1l, 7:22
Tilburg (Holl) bt Cambridge Univ Lightweights ¾l, 7:28
Trinity Coll, Dublin A bt Atlantic City (US) 1¼l, 7:07
Yale (US) bt Dartmouth A (US) 1½l, 7:02
Univ of Bristol bt LMBC, Cambridge 2l, 7 17
Nereus (Holl) bt Rhodes Univ (SA) ½l, 6:54
Newcastle Univ bt Princeton Univ (US) ½l, 7.04
Strathclyde Univ bt Cherwell A 1¾l, 7:20
Durham Univ bt Southampton Univ 1¼l, 7:32

Princess Elizabeth Cup
Holders: Eton
FIRST ROUND: Bedford Sch A bt Pangbourne 2l, 7:05; Oundle bt Shrewsbury B 2½l, 7.05
Second round
Brentwood Coll (Can) bt Monmouth Sl, 7.33
St Edward's bt Shiplake 1¼l, 7:19
St Paul's bt Latymer Upper Sch 3l, 7:24
Bedford A bt Shrewsbury A 1½l, 7:18
King's, Chester bt Buckingham Browne and Nicolls (US) ½l, 7:30
Hampton A bt Kingston GS 2l, 7:28
Oundle bt Eton ¾l, 7:08

Wyfold Cup
Holders: Lea A
FIRST ROUND: Cygnet bt City of Bristol A 4½l, 7:40; Reading bt London A 3¾l, 7:43; Nottingham A bt City of Bristol B 2¼l, 7 50
Second round
Reading bt Henley 3l, 7:48
Molesey A bt Vesta by 4½l, 7.48
Cambridge 99 bt Twickenham 2l, 8:01
Worcester bt Tyne, nro
Cygnet bt Lea 4¼l, 7.49
Nottingham A bt Quintin 4¼l, 8:01

Diamond Sculls
Holder: J Jeanson (Est)
FIRST ROUND: A M Wake (Tideway Scullers) bt R Kazlauskas (Zalgiro Irdavino, Lith) ¾l, 8:36; C P Greenaway (Kingston) bt R J Briscoe (City of Oxford) easily, 8:48; J D M Schreiner (Lea) bt S J Rose (Kingston) 4¼l, 8:42
Second round
P E Reedy (Melbourne Univ, Aus) bt Greenaway 2l, 9:00
C Stofer (Sempach, Switz) bt L J Fletcher (Thames) easily, 9:18
M P van der School (KDR Zeilvereeniging, Holl) bt R S Borberg (Vesper, US) 3l, 9:14
A Bihrer (Grasshopper, Switz) bt C G Bulas (Leander) 4l, 9:19
O W Hall-Craggs (Tideway Scullers) bt A M Wake (Tideway Scullers) 3l, 8:49
M L O Vanoorn (Delftsche, Holl) bt G Toway (Fermoy, Ire) 1l, 8:48
J A Martinez (Potomac, US) bt D W Nicoll (Upper Thames) 4½l, 8:57

Britannia Cup
Holders: Wallingford
FIRST ROUND: Bedford bt Upper Thames ½l, 7:51; Staines bt Cambridge 99 ½l, 7:51; Oxford Brookes Univ bt Royal Chester 1¼l, 7:38.
Second round
Isis B bt Liverpool Univ 2¼l, 8.16
Loughborough bt Belfast ¾l, 8.14
Univ of London bt Harvard easily, 8.27
Durham Univ B bt Durham Univ A 2l, 8:06
Reading bt Dartmouth Coll 3l, 7 49
Kingston bt Molesey 1½l, 8.04

Women's Sculls
Holder: M H Brandin (Swe)
First round
R C Stanhope (Tideway Scullers) bt S J Appleboom (Montalvo Albion and Alpha) easily, 9:49
R Kininmonth (Banks, Aus) bt T E Rookes (Univ of London) easily, 10:07
S K Baldwin (Long Beach, US) bt B Wicki (Stanstad, Switz) 1½l, 9.39
P R van Dishoeck (Amsterdamsche, Holl) bt C Luthi (Lucerne, Switz) 3½l, 9 54
M H Brandin (Kungalvs, Swe) bt N S Dale (Tideway Scullers) easily, 9 52
S C Scown (Cambridge, NZ) bt S M Springman (Rob Roy) 2l, 9 46

Double Sculls
Holders: M D Free and P T Antonie (Aus)
First round
G Walker and G Lewis (Potomac and National, US) bt N J Hrt and J W M Nash (Exeter) easily, 7:59
G Schneider and J Habermayr (Thalwil and Thun, Switz) bt R F Redpath and J Weckbach (Mainzer and Florsheimer, Ger) 4l, 8 11
E M O'Brien and L Collins (Commercial, Ire) bt R S Riemer and C Durfy (Penn Athletic, US) 1l, 7 55
S E B McLaughlin and J J A Burton (Merman and Commercial, Aus) bt S Hames and P Vondra (Rob Roy and London) easily, 8.24
J Bulow and M Schwalbe (Ratzeburger, Ger) bt M A Hammond and D D Johnson (Nottinghamshire) 4½l, 8 18
U Dobler and G F Zappia (Hungaton) bt N M Thornton and P N Roberts (Hollingworth Lake) easily, 8.27
D M Honey and B Long (Kingston) bt M R Chandler and C P Eastwood (Agecroft) 2½l, 8:10

Ladies' Plate
Holders: Notts County A
First round
Leander bt Free Press B easily, 7 17
Georgetown bt Princeton 1½l, 7 04
Notts and London bt Free Press A 4½l, 6:55
Princeton Univ A bt Union 1¼l, 7 00
Boston (US) bt Univ of London and Tynan 1l, 6 48
Grasshopper and Seeclub (Switz) bt Vesta 4½l, 7 12
Goldie bt Massachusetts IT (US) easily, 7 11

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup
Holders: S G Redgrave and M C Pinsent (GB)
First round
B Schmidt and C Condoni (Zurich, Switz) bt A B Henshilwood and A E Batt (Nottinghamshire) 2l, 8:27
J G Singfield and A R Cassidy (Star Club and Univ of London) bt J M A Brown and J M Keys (London) ½l, 8 40
M P Gross and R C Stanhope (Molesey) bt D R Cockell and N J Dagg (Oxford Brookes Univ) 4½l, 8 35
F P O'Callaghan and B H Collins (Shannon, Ire) bt K J Stensrud and W M Greene (Penn Athletic, US) 4l, 8.30
A W Batt and W M Dryden (Auckland, NZ) bt C MacDonald and E R Grose (Vesper, US) 4l, 8:56
T Nishioka and T Mizutani (Mitsubishi, Japan) bt T Dimoggio and M Worrok (Cercle Nautique, Fr) easily, 9:05

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A couple of weeks ago I discussed a hand in response to a take-out double of One Heart that had just Q 10 9 x of hearts and nothing else. I said that, while it may seem superficially attractive to respond One No-trump, partner would expect a better hand, roughly the same values as you would need to respond One No-trump to an opening bid, perhaps even a little strong, say 7-10 HCP. One reason why it needs to be a little stronger is that you already know that the hand on your left probably has a long suit which he is likely to lead, something that is not the case when making a normal One No-trump response.

Another reason why the One No-trump response is used to show a better hand is that you can bid a suit at the two level with very few values, which is not the case over an opening bid. Let's look at a couple of hands after your partner has doubled your LHO's opening of One Heart and your RHO has passed:

(i) ♠Q ♥J9843 ♦KQ7 ♣Q653

(ii) ♠8743 ♥KJ106 ♦A65 ♣J5

Both these hands are suitable for a One No-trump response. With Hand (i), there is no need to be afraid of the singleton spade — partner has promised values in spades. The heart suit is nowhere good enough to pass the take-out double. The hand is too good for a simple Two Club response and it is not attractive to jump to Three Clubs on such a poor holding — partner may *have only three cards in the suit after all. One No-trump* is a good description of the nature and strength of your hand. With Hand (ii), although you have four spades, One No-trump describes the general nature and strength of the hand much more accurately than any bid in spades.

(iii) ♠54 ♥Q743 ♦K105 ♣QJ109

(iv) ♠K743 ♥J732 ♦A65 ♣J5

Some might respond One No-trump with Hand (iii) and it could work well, but if partner has a singleton heart, clubs is likely to play better. The hand is not quite worth a jump to Three Clubs: make a simple response of Two Clubs for the time being. Although the high cards and the distribution are the same in *Hand (iv) as in Hand (ii), this time the spade suit is better and the* heart suit much weaker. Now it is close between One Spade and a jump to Two Spades.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Parliamentary draw

The annual match between the House of Lords and the House of Commons for the *Spectator* Trophy, held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand on Wednesday evening, resulted in a 4-4 draw.

SCORES: First round: Lord Kilbracken beat Dafydd Wigley MP; Lord Rennell beat Sir Andrew Bowden MP; Lady Hilton lost to Bob Ainsworth MP and Lord Gisborough lost to Michael Stern MP. Second round: Lady Hilton lost to Michael Stern MP; Lord Kilbracken beat Sir Andrew Bowden MP; Lord Rennell lost to Dafydd Wigley MP and Lord Winston beat Bob Ainsworth MP.

White: Bob Ainsworth MP
Black: Lord Winston

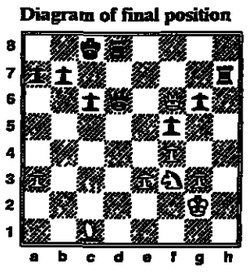
Lords v Commons Match
July 1996

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	d5
2	c4	Nf6
3	Nc3	c6
4	e3	Bf5
5	Nf3	Nbd7
6	Be2	Qc7
7	0-0	0-0-0
8	Bd3	Bg4
9	Be2	h5
10	b4	e5
11	Bb2	dxc4
12	dxe5	Nxe5
13	Oc2	Nxd3+
14	Bxd3	Bxd3
15	Of5+	Rd7
16	Qxd3	Bxb4
17	Ne2	Ng4
18	g3	Rh7
19	a3	Bd6
20	Rad1	Ne5
21	Qe4	g6
22	f4	f5
23	Oc2	Ng4
24	Bc1	h4
25	Rf3	hxg3
26	hxg3	Rh2
27	Orc4	Rdh7
28	Kf1	Rh1+
29	Ng1	Nh2+
30	Kg2	Nxf3
31	Nd3	Rxd1
32	Qg8+	Bf8
33	Qxf8+	Rd8
34	Of6	Qd6

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Japanese chess

Japan boasts its own version of chess called Shogi. This is a fiendishly complicated game, in which virtually all of the pieces can change value many times during the course of play and captured pieces never truly vanish from the board, since they can change sides and parachute in and out at will. The London Shogi club meets from 2-7pm on the first Sunday of each month at the Daiwa Foundation, 13-14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1. On Sunday July 7, Yamato Takahashi, a ladies' professional first dan, will take on all-comers in a simultaneous display. Prospective new members are welcome.

Times Championship

The final stages of *The Times* British Schools Championship take place this afternoon at London's Charing Cross Hotel. Spectators are welcome.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

INKHORN
a. The Arctic moose
b. Pedantry
c. An Amerindian battle

KERMESSE
a. A Dutch fair
b. A savoury pancake
c. A canal lift-bridge

BONEY
a. A nursery threat
b. A Giacometti figurine
c. A freshwater fish

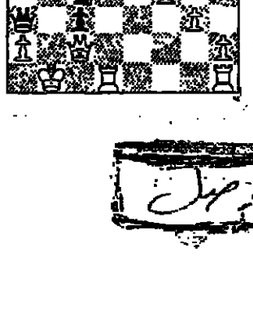
PYRAMUS
a. A primitive firework
b. Wood ash
c. An unhappy lover

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is a variation from the game Kamsky — *Shirov, Lucerne* 1993. Although Black is a rook in arrears, he has a chance to checkmate the white king. How can he do this?



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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LAUSANNE: Grand prix: Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 9 86sec; 2, D Bailey (Jam) 9.93, 3, A Boldon (Trin) 9 94; 4, J Drummond (US) 10 00; 5, L Christie (GB) 10 04. 200m: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 19 85sec; 2, L Christie (GB) 20.40; 3, P Stevens (Bel) 20 42. 400m: 1, M Johnson (US) 43 65sec; 2, R Black (GB) 44.37, 3, D Hall (US) 44 51; 6, I Thomas (GB) 44.71. 1,500m: 1, N Morceli (Alg) 3min 30.98sec; 2, S Kiplimi (Ken) 3:31.87; 3, E Kiprutto Maru (Ken). 110m hurdles: 1, A Johnson (US) 13 08sec; 2, C Jackson (GB) 13.13, 3, E Valle (Cuba) 13.38; 7, P Gray (GB) 13.79. 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam) 47.85sec; 2, B Bronson (US) 48.06; 3, M Mitchell (US) 48 48. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, J Keter (Ken) 8min 14 17sec, 2, G Chircher (Ken) 8:15.79; 3, M Birir (Ken) 8:16.82. High jump: 1, S Hoen (Nor) 2.31m; 2, S Smith (GB) 2.28; 3 equal, C Lefrancois (Can) and R Jenkins (US) 2.25. Triple jump: 1, B Wellman (Ber) 16.55; 2, A Limuta (Cuba) 16.46; 3, S Helan (Fr) 16.41. Pole vault: 1, I Potapovich (Kaz) 5.85; 2, A Tiwonitschik (Ger) 5.85; 3, J Gallione (Fr). Hammer: 1, K Balaasz (Hun) 80.02m; 2, H Weis (Ger) 77.24. 3, E Sgrulletti (It) 77.02. Women: 100m: 1, G Torrence (US) 10 97sec; 2, Z Pintusevich (Unf) 11.07; 3, I Miller (US) 11.11. 400m: 1, M-J Pérec (Fr) 49.45sec; 2, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 49 60; 3, P Davis (Bah) 49 83. 800m: 1, M Mutola (Moz) 1min 58 16sec; 2, A Fidelis Quirot (Cuba) 1:58 67; 3, C Crooks (Can) 1:59 75, 8, D Modahl (GB) 2:00 69. 1,500m: 1, A Weyermann (Switz) 4min 3 45sec; 2, N Mugo (Ken) 4.04.29, 3, F Ribeiro (Por) 4 07 09. 100m hurdles: 1, L Enquist (Swe) 12.52sec; 2, B Bukovec (Yug) 12.71; 3, A Lopez (Cuba) 12.87. 400m hurdles: 1, T Buford (US) 53 61; 2, K Baillie (US) 53.85, 3, T Williams (US) 54 17. Javelin: 1, S Nerius (Ger) 66.70m; 2, R Romanauskane (Lith) 65.46; 3, T Damaske (Ger) 63 84

BATTERSEA PARK: Carlton London Run: Men: 1, P Taylor (Eng) 16min 47sec; 2, L Cherono (Ken) 16 48, 3, C Ndome (Ken) 16:51, 4, J Nijanga (Ken) 17:09; 5, S Brooks (Eng) 17.13. Women: 1, E Meyer (SA) 19:00, 2, W Orr (Wales) 19:48; 3, S Bentley (Eng) 19:56; 4, A Venster (SA) 20:03; 5, A Mair (Wales) 20:10.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 4 Oakland 3; Minnesota 6 Chicago 5; Cleveland 6 Kansas City 4; Detroit 8 Milwaukee 5; Toronto 5 Baltimore 2; Texas 8 California 1 Postponed: New York v Boston
NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 4 Cincinnati 0; Houston 4 Florida 3; New York 10 Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 3 Montreal 1, Pittsburgh 3 Chicago 2, San Diego 3 Los Angeles 2, Colorado 3 San Francisco 2.

BOWLS

BELFAST: Home international championship: Ulster Transport: England bt Wales 131-115 (Eng skips first D Ward bt D Williams 28-13; A Allcock bt M Ansley 28-17; J Bell bt S Wiltshire 24-21; T Hangor lost to W Thomas 13-26, G Smith lost to R Weale 20-21; A Thomason bt T Mounty 18-17). Carrickfergus: Scotland bt Ireland 121-103 (Scot skips first: G Adrain bt E Parkinson 22-21; J Aitken bt P Smyth 24-17; W W Wood bt G McCloy 19-16; A Marshall bt G Scott 17-14; R Corsie bt S Allen 23-13, G Hood lost to N Graham 18-22)
WORTHING: Open tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: C Jones (Hollingbury Park) bt M Biggleston (Paradise) 21-6; R Lamdin (Guildford) bt P Caswell (Field Place) 21-6; M Brown (Milton Park) bt M Bunyon (Merrow) 21-8; S Letts (West End, Northampton) bt M Dare (Kings, Torquay) 21-19. Triples: Quarter-finals (skips only): M Overington bt P Tindall 21-16; R Hermes bt C Scott 18-15, E Hayward bt F Norman 19-16; C Threshor bt A Wheatley 19-10

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Collingham: Nottinghamshire 300 and 145-5: Northamptonshire 250-4 dec. Match drawn. Cardiff: Durham 355-5 dec and 154-2 dec, Glamorgan 309-7 dec and 166-7. Match drawn. Coggeshall: Essex 301-2 dec and 180-5 dec; Kent 250-9 dec and 8-0. Match drawn.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Fenner's: Cambridgeshire 196-8 (S Mohammed 54; L Potter 5-40). Staffordshire 111-2 (S J Dean 67 not out).
TRIPLE CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP: Ynysygerwn: Ireland 245-6; Scotland 246-3 (I Philip 121, B Lockie 70). Scotland won by seven wickets. St Helens: England 166-4; Wales 160-6. England won by 16 runs. Pontardulais: England 152; Ireland 153-3. Ireland won by seven wickets. Swansea: Scotland 198-8 (G Salmond 74, M Allingham 52); Wales 200-6. Wales won by four wickets.
SECOND WOMEN'S TEST MATCH: Worcester (first day of four): England 146-5 (S Metcalfe 57 not out) v New Zealand

CROQUET

CHELTENHAM: MacRobertson Shield: New Zealand 7 Great Britain 14 (NZ names first: T Stephens bt S Comish +26tp, +26tp, S Jones lost to R Fulford +17tp, +17tp, R Bakes lost to D Maugham +3, -22, +26tp, P Shirley lost to C Clarke +25tp, +23); Australia 14 United States 7 (Aus names first: B Heaven and J Newcombe bt J Stark and E Peterson +14, +9, C Pickering and H Watts bt J Osborn and R Rebucchatis +26tp, +24. G Bury and A Faulkner bt J Tavos and W Rodoni -5, +26tp, +26)

GLIDING

ST AUBAN, France: Lavender Glide Pre-worlds: Open (417km Poly) 23 competitors of 25. 1, P Liago (Fr, ASH25) 103kph, 1 000pts; 2, M Clasgey (Aus, ASH25) 107 6, 977; 3, P Schroeder (Fr, ASH25) 107 5, 976. Equal 4, L Flament (Fr, ASH25) and L Debatus (Fr, Nimbus 4) 107.4, 975. 10 P Harvey (GB, ASW22) 106 4, 968. Overall positions: 1, G Lhermi (Fr, ASW22) 7,769; 2, Debatus 7,557; 3, G Gerbaud (Fr, Nimbus 4) 7,535, 4, P Huntz (Fr ASH25) 7,478, 23, Harvey 4,455 15 metre (305km Poly) 28 completions of 36. 1, G Naves (Fr, Ventus 2) 110, 1 000, 2, S Senne (Ger, ASW27) 108 3, 974; equal 3, G Galetto (It, Ventus 2) and S Ghiorzo (It, Ventus 2) 108 1, 971. 5, M Tronnier (Ger, LS8) 107 8, 967. equal 15 S Jones (GB, Ventus 2) and C Garton (GB, Ventus 2) 90 6, 712. 18, J Wills (GB, ASW27) 89 7, 697. 26 A Nay (GB, Ventus 2) 79 6, 548. Overall positions: 1, Naves 7,709, 2, Ghiorzo 7,307, 3, Wills 7,031, 4, Galetto 7,015, 5, T Gossner (It, Ventus 2) 6,874; 6 Jones 6,827, 11, Garton 6,602; 18, Nay 5,687. Standard (299km Poly) 33 completions of 39. 1, D Haase (Fr, Discus) 101 4, 938; 2, A Davis (GB, Discus) 100 9, 929; 3, J-C Lopinay (Fr, LS8) 102 8, *913, 4, J-D Barrot (Fr, LS8) 98 7, *867; 5, H Hammerle (Austria, LS8) 98 3, 853, 6, R Fontin (Fr, Discus) 95 9, 847; 23, M Wells (GB, LS8) 83, 631; 26, D Spreckley (GB, LS8) 81 2, 602. Overall positions: 1, Barrot 6,872; 2, Lopinay 6,566, 3, (HC) E Napoloon (Fr, Duo Discus) 6,409, 4, Wells 6,297; 5, Haase 6,201; 6, J-M Gaillard (Fr, LS8) 6,103. * Penalty HC hors concours

GOLF

DRUIDS GLEN: Murphy's Irish Open championship: Early first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 67: B Lange (Ger), 69: P-U Johansson (Swe), C Montgomerie 70: W Westner (SA), G Murphy, F Lindgren (Swe), 71: J Haeggman (Swe), S Ames (Trin), I Garrido (Sp), R Claydon, F Nocito (NZ) 72: R Chapman, R Wessels (SA), G Turner (NZ), E Darcy, A Oldcorn, M Gales, P Mitchell 73: P McGinley, G Sherry, D Mooney, T Gogele (Ger), W Riley (Aus), M Campbell (NZ), E Els (SA) 74, C Mason, J Sandelin (Swe), P Broad, G Richardson (Swe) R Allenby (Aus), M A Jimenez (Sp) 75: P O'Malley (Aus), T Price (Aus) D Robertson, J M Canizares (Sp), M Roe, P Eriksson (Swe), N Briggs M Mackenzie, M Pinero (Sp), S Richardson, P Broadhurst 76: P Price, P Curry, J Degroot J Rivero (Sp), J Townsend (US), C Suneson (Sp), M Clayton (Aus), F Howley, S Hamill, B Lane, P Walton, D Feherty, 79: C Cevaia (Fr), 77: S Luna (Sp), P Haugsrud (Nor), A Forsbrand (Swe), D Carter, S Bottomley 78: J Van de Velde (Fr), B McGovern, G Orr, S Struver, M Harwood (Aus)

COLOGNE: Hennessy Cup: Early first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 68: L Neumann (Swe), H Alfredsson (Swe), K Crum (Den) 70: S Strudwick, V Michaud (Fr), L Hackney, J Morley 71: N Fira (Austria), T Johnson, S Gronberg, A Sorenstam (Swe), C H-J Koch (Swe) 72: S Dellkongeville (Fr) 73: M Lunn (Aus), L Navarro (Sp), T Fischer (Ger) 74: L Lambert (Aus), A-M Knight (Aus), A Rogers, M Koch (Ger), A Gottmo (Swe), D Reid 75: L Farquharson, P Grice-Whittaker, D Barnard, W Dicks, A Nicholas, M G Estuesta (Phil), M-L de Lorenzo (Fr), R Hetherington (Aus), C Sorenstam (Swe)

HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Great Britain 7 Italy 1 (at Besham Abbey)

SPEEDWAY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 46 Sweden 12, K Tarum 9, C Louis 8, M Dugard 7, S Schofield 6, M Loram 6, D Sprecklay (GB, Australia) 4B (C Boyce 14, L Adams 11, J Crump 9, R Sullivan 8, J Lyons 3, S Parker 3, S Bowes 0) (England lead three-match series 1-0, at Poole)

PREMIER LEAGUE: Ipng Eaton 56 (S Johnston 15, R Nagy 14, K Laukkinen 10) Sheffield 39 (Z Adorjan 13, P Fry 8); Hull 2b (A Grahame 13, J Staechmann 9) Cradley Heath and Stoke 49 (G Hancock 17, J Hamill 11)

RACING: HAGGAS LAUNCHES TWO-PRONGED ASSAULT ON RICH PRIZE

Missile primed to home in on Hong Kong Trophy

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE world of diplomacy and foreign affairs impinge on racing today as Sandown stages the Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy, the richest 1¼-mile handicap in Britain.

Although the popular race was first run with the backing of the overseas racing authority 20 years ago, sharp-eyed observers will note the subtle change in the sponsors' name. The royal prefix was dropped at the beginning of this month in preparation for the takeover of Hong Kong by mainland China next year, and all the logos on view today will reflect the forthcoming change in the status of the colony.

Significantly, the £90,000-added feature race will not occupy its normal place in the racing calendar in 1997 — officials of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be unable to attend because of the hand-over celebrations. Instead, it will be staged 11 days later over a mile so as not to clash with the John Smith's Magnet Cup, which is run the same week over an extended ten furlongs at York.

If today's race were over a mile, selecting the winner would be straightforward. Yeast, winner of the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot, would have outstanding claims. However, he is not certain to be so effective over ten furlongs. Although his sire is Salse, whose progeny have shown remarkable stamina, Yeast's dam was Orient, an out-and-out sprinter.

William Haggas is "hopeful" Yeast will stay and his plum draw next to the inside rail will help. In the last ten years, winners have been drawn 11, 17, 18, 19, 16, 17, 18, 20, 3 and 21 and Yeast's front-running style is admirably suited to the Esher track.

However, I prefer the chances of two other runners. Salmon Ladder endured all kinds of problems last year which prevented him realising his potential. This season, he has shown his true ability and after defying ten stone to win at Ascot, this is likely to be his last run in handicap company.

Salmon Ladder is sure to run well, but this is one of the toughest handicaps of the year which traditionally does not favour top weights and he may find giving upwards of two stone to some progressive rivals too harsh a task.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DUBAI COLLEGE
(2.35 Sandown Park)
Next best: Vax Star
(4.10 Sandown Park)

Missile, also trained by Haggas, has always been regarded as superior to Yeast at home, although on the one occasion they worked together they finished upsides. Haggas describes Yeast as a reliable old war horse at home, while Missile is a generous worker.

Be that as it may, I am keen on the chances of **Missile**. The form of his reappearance victory at York has worked out well, and he would have been sent off a warm favourite for the Britannia Handicap at Ascot but for suffering a minor leg infection on the eve of the race. Unlike his stablemate, he should improve for stepping up to this trip and can oblige.

The handicapper has given **Dubai College** every chance in the Sing Tao Trophy (2.35), leaving him on the same mark as when just beaten by older horses at Yarmouth ten days ago. Back among his own age group and well drawn, he should go well along with Dancing Image.

Belgravia did best of those from a high draw in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot, despite still showing signs of greenness, and can get back on the winning trail in the HSBC Trophy (3.40), while Vax Star is preferred to Dancing Prop in the Sino Group Dragon Trophy (4.10).

MARTIN LYNCH



Singspiel, runner-up to Halling in last year's renewal, yesterday became the latest withdrawal from the group one Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park tomorrow

WARWICK

THUNDERER
2.10 Tarian. 2.40 Tony's Mist. 3.15 Shadow Jury. 3.45 Ginny Wossername. 4.20 Go Britannia. 4.50 Royal Circus.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 ANIL KUMBLE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,357: 1m 2f 169yd) (20 runners)

1 3003 DENOMINATION 13J M Pipe 4-10-0 ... D Bridgwater 18
2 0-00 VENDETTA 33 I Balding 3-9-5 ... A McGlone 7
3 0064 VICTORIA'S SECRET 17 M Channon 4-9-3 ... P P Murphy (5) 9
4 -555 TSARSKAYA 11 Mrs J Cecil 3-9-3 ... T Ives 1
5 0062 TARIAN 8 G Balding 4-9-1 ... S Drowne (3) 15
6 30-5 RISING SPRAY 21 C Horgan 5-9-1 ... Amanda Sanders (5) 3
7 000 FULL THROTTLE 14 M Tompkins 3-9-0 ... P Robinson 14
8 05-0 NEEDWOOD EPIC 32 B Morgan 3-9-0 ... C Hodgson 11
9 4005 RED TIE AFFAIR 17 M Bell 3-8-13 ... M Fenton 10
10 -005 SANDICLIFFE 16 B Hills 3-8-12 ... W Ryan 6
11 060 FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS 14 T Naughton 3-8-11 ... T Sprake 17
12 6000 MORNING SIR 22 C Barwell 3-8-10 ... D R McCabe 4
13 5025 NELLY'S COUSIN 18 N Callaghan 3-8-10 ... P McCabe (3) 20
14 25P0 BARANOV 30 D Murray Smith 3-8-9 ... D Harrison 19
15 0540 TANIYAR 27 R Hollinshead 4-8-8 ... D Griffiths (5) 16
16 0-00 JEAN PIERRE 16 J Pearce 3-8-4 ... N Day 8
17 040- CLUED UP 307 P Evans 3-8-0 ... D Biggs 5
18 -004 GEE GEE TEE 21 J Akehurst 3-8-0 ... C Rutter 13
19 0000 LAGAN 13 P Felgate 3-7-13 ... F Norton 2
20 0000 AMBER RING 25 Miss K George 3-7-12 ... Declan O'Shea 12

5-1 Tarian, 6-1 Vendetta, 8-1 Victoria's Secret, Nelly's Cousin, 10-1 Rising Spray, Denomination, 12-1 others

2.40 SANJAY MANJREKAR SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m) (20)

1 5530 ROCKVILLE PIKE 20 (V,G,S) John Berry 4-9-10 ... D Biggs 1
2 0431 TOTAL RACH 4 (B,D,F,G) R Ingram 4-9-8 (5ex) ... A McGlone 4
3 0260 NORTHERN GREY 14 (V) J Scargill 4-9-7 ... M Fenton 20
4 0203 HOME COOKIN' 3 (BF) M Pipe 3-9-6 ... M Henry (3) 19
5 0050 PRINCE RUDOLF 15 (V,G) W G M Turner 4-9-6 ... Amanda Sanders (5) 18
6 -662 THATCHMASTER 20 C Horgan 5-9-4 ... D Harrison 11
7 00-0 CAUSLEY 7 (CD,F,G,S) D Hyde 11-9-3 ... R Brisland (7) 3
8 0086 DIL DIL 11 (F) W Haggas 3-9-3 ... C Webb (7) 13
9 0430 TONY'S MIST 5 (D,G,S) J Bradley 6-9-1 ... S Drowne (3) 6
10 0052 LILA PEDIGO 11 (G) Miss J Craze 3-9-0 ... N Connorton 15
11 00-0 ORCHARD GOLD 11 J Pearce 5-9-0 ... G Bardwell 10
12 6036 BALPARE 4 (G) N Callaghan 3-8-13 ... D R McCabe 8
13 0006 BUDDY'S FRIEND 15 (D,F,G) R Williams 8-8-12 ... Aimee Cook (7) 16
14 0060 DOODIES POOL 6 (V,D,G) P Burgoyne 6-8-12 ... P McCabe (3) 2
15 0003 BORN A LADY 11 (B,G) S Bowring 3-8-12 ... C Teague (3) 14
16 -010 ELITE RACING 31 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 4-8-10 ... C Rutter 9
17 -000 BELLA COOLA 11 M Meade 4-8-10 ... R Havlin (5) 12
18 4040 CHIEF'S LADY 15 J Bradley 4-8-9 ... W Ryan 7
19 0000 BURNT SIENNA 20 (D,F) J Moore 4-8-8 ... Declan O'Shea 17
20 2634 TALLULAH BELLE 11 N Littmoden 3-8-8 ... A Daly (5) 5

5-1 Total Rach, 6-1 Thatchmaster, 8-1 Rockville Pike, 10-1 Home Cookin', Elite Racing, 12-1 Born A Lady, 14-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 6.45 Mystic Times. 9.15 Kernof, One Life To Live, South Pagoda. Hamilton Park: 7.30 Bright Eclipse, Cowboy Dreams. Haydock Park: 2.20 Precedency. Trade Wind. 3.25 Souperficial. 3.55 Bold Effort. 4.30 Chelwood. Sandown Park: 2.00 Mystery Matthias. Warwick: 3.45 Ginny Wossername. 4.20 Kulshi Momken, Memphis Beau. 4.50 Mr Speculator.

3.15 EAGLE STAR ENGINEERING HANDICAP
(£3,562: 5f) (7)

1 -003 PALACEGATE JACK 29 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-10-0 ... P Roberts (5) 7
2 0402 TART AND A HALF 9 (B,D,F) B Meehan 4-9-12 ... D Sweeney (7) 4
3 0064 FANTASY RACING 74 (D,F,G) M Channon 4-9-12 ... P P Murphy (5) 5
4 0130 HIGH DOMAIN 14 (D,G,S) J Spearing 5-9-7 ... S Drowne (3) 3
5 1053 BASHFUL BRAVE 18 (CD,F) J Payne 5-9-6 ... A McGlone 6
6 2154 CHADWELL HALL 20 (B,D,F,G,S) S Bowring 5-9-1 ... C Teague (3) 2
7 3605 SHADOW JURY 5 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-8-8 ... D R McCabe 1

3-1 Tart And A Half, 4-1 Bashful Brave, 9-2 Palacegate Jack, 5-1 Fantasy Racing, High Domain, 6-1 Chadwell Hall, 14-1 Shadow Jury

3.45 PYMENTS CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,690: 7f) (7)

1 3421 IRISH FICTION 22 (D,F) D Cosgrove 9-5 ... P McCabe (3) 3
2 1466 FOLLY FOOT FRED 20 (F) B Millman 9-1 ... S Drowne (3) 7
3 515 DASHING ROCKSVILLE 20 (G) M Channon 8-12 ... P P Murphy (5) 5
4 600 CLASSIC SERVICES 18 B Palling 8-5 ... M Henry (3) 2
5 525 GINNY WOSSERNAME 27 (B,BF) W G M Turner 8-2 ... T Sprake 4
6 56 MOOR HALL PRINCESS 13 K Burke 8-2 ... D R McCabe 1
7 3333 ABSTONE QUEEN 7 P Evans 8-0 ... D Biggs 6

9-4 Dashing Rocksville, 3-1 Irish Fiction, 9-2 Ginny Wossername, 5-1 others

4.20 SACHIN TENDULKAR MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,391: 1m) (12)

1 3 ACCONDY 15 C Brittain 4-9-7 ... M Henry (3) 11
2 ALFREDO ALFREDO J Dunlop 4-9-7 ... T Sprake 5
3 30 RED VIPER 11 N Lampard 4-9-7 ... R Brisland (7) 1
4 TASHKENT 38J Miss K George 4-9-7 ... T Ives 3
5 TIME GOES ON R Hodges 4-9-2 ... S Drowne (3) 2
6 02 GO BRITANNIA 20 D Loder 3-8-12 ... D R McCabe 4
7 0- KULSHI MOMKEN 41 (B) R Phillips 3-8-12 ... C Rutter 6
8 MARLEY'S SONG M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-12 ... S Drowne (3) 10
9 2445 MELT THE CLOUDS 22 P Harris 3-8-12 ... F Norton 8
10 06 MEMPHIS BEAU 20 (B) J Toller 3-8-12 ... D Harrison 9
11 05 SOLDIER'S SONG 10 R Hodges 3-8-7 ... P P Murphy (5) 7
12 0-6 WOLF CLEUGH 24 A Hide 3-8-7 ... A McGlone 12

5-4 Go Britannia, 5-2 Melt The Clouds, 6-1 Alfredo Alfredo, 10-1 Accondy, 12-1 Memphis Beau, 14-1 Kulshi Momken, Wolf Cleugh, 16-1 others

4.50 MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN HANDICAP
(£3,452: 1m 6f 194yd) (11)

1 -320 HEVER GOLF LADY 17 (G,S) T Naughton 4-9-10 ... T Sprake 8
2 0150 COLERIDGE 17 (B,C,D,F,G,S) J Sheehan 8-9-7 ... A Morris 4
3 -001 LABEED 20 (F) W Hern 3-9-5 ... R Hills 5
4 05-5 BLANCHLAND 43J (G) P Ritchens 7-8-10 ... D Harrison 2
5 -150 PERSIAN SMOKE 25 (F) A Hide 5-8-9 ... R Havlin (5) 11
6 0-00 HATTA RIVER 26J (C,F,G) P Dalton 6-8-7 ... D R McCabe 10
7 0223 ROYAL CIRCUS 8 (F,G) P Webber 7-8-7 ... S Drowne (3) 6
8 0005 MR SPECULATOR 11 (V) P Kelleway 3-8-6 ... G Bardwell 1
9 2264 UONI 23 (BF) C Brittain 3-8-4 ... M Henry (3) 3
10 0000 DASHING INVADER 23 P Harris 3-7-10 ... F Norton 7
11 0005 PARONOMASIA 4 (B) J L Harris 4-7-10 ... N Varley (3) 9

11-4 Labeed, 5-1 Coleridge, 6-1 Persian Smoke, Royal Circus, 8-1 Uoni, Mr Speculator, 10-1 Hever Golf Lady, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 4 winners from 6 runners, 66.7%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 9, 33.3%; W Haggas, 3 from 10, 30.0%; R Williams, 4 from 16, 25.0%; J Dunlop, 11 from 50, 22.0%; M Heaton-Ellis, 6 from 31, 19.4%.
JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 6 winners from 36 rides, 16.7%; R Hills, 4 from 26, 15.4%; P Robinson, 5 from 35, 14.3%; D R McCabe, 4 from 32, 12.5%; D Griffiths, 4 from 33, 12.1%; A Daly, 3 from 26, 11.5%

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
6.30 Kings Cay. 7.00 Sir Arthur Hobbs. 7.30 Bright Eclipse. 8.00 Sunday Mail Too. 8.30 Perpetual. 9.00 La Suquet. 9.30 Northern Motto.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

6.30 PIONEER AT STEPEK LADY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,766: 1m 3f 16yd) (7 runners)

1 4063 FAR AHEAD 13 (G,S) J Eyre 4-11-7 ... Miss Diana Jones 3
2 0232 NOSE NO BOUNDS 7 (B) M Johnston 3-10-10 ... Mrs C Williams (7) 2
3 2112 KINGS CAY 8 (F,S) T Caldwell 5-10-4 (5ex) ... Mrs P Wharfe (4) 6
4 63-0 PHILGUN 20 (V,C,D,F,G,S) W Elsey 7-10-3 ... Miss A Elsey 4
5 1125 LORD ADVOCATE 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 8-10-1 ... Miss P Robson 7
6 6124 GOLD BLADE 16 (CD,BF,F,G) J Pearce 7-9-11 ... Mrs L Pearce 1
7 0000 JABAROOT 23 (F) R McKellar 5-9-0 ... Miss H Carson (4) 5

5-2 Nose No Bounds, 4-1 Far Ahead, Kings Cay, 9-2 Lord Advocate, 6-1 others

7.00 LEBUS FURNITURE/STEPEK SUITE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,633: 1m 1f 36yd) (10)

1 5024 FORZAIR 32 (G) J J O'Neill 4-9-8 ... O Pears (3) 6
2 3010 YET AGAIN 2 (B,F) B Hanbury 4-9-8 ... J Tate 1
3 50-3 WILLY STAR 14 (G) Mrs S Smith 6-9-4 ... P Bloomfield 9
4 6506 HEATHYARDS MAGIC 2 (G) M Dods 4-9-2 ... D McKeown 10
5 5-21 SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 9-9-2 ... R Lappin 2
6 3240 BRAMBLES WAY 31 Mrs M Reveley 7-9-0 ... S Copp (5) 5
7 0005 MY HANDY MAN 85 R Allan 5-9-0 ... J Fanning 7
8 0165 NORTHERN SPARK 7 (CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 8-9-0 ... R Perham 8
9 40/0 THE ATHELING 37 M Tompkins 6-9-0 ... H K Yim (3) 4
10 6606 FUNNY ROSE 18 (F) P Monteith 6-8-7 ... DOUBTFUL 3

5-2 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 3-1 Willy Star, 9-2 Forzair, 6-1 Northern Spark, 8-1 My Handy Man, 10-1 Yet Again, Brambles Way, 12-1 others

7.30 OCEAN DOMESTIC APPLIANCES AT STEPEK LIMITED STAKES
(£2,717: 1m 65yd) (6)

1 1443 GIFTBOX 7 (C,BF,S) M Prescott 4-9-6 ... R Perham 4
2 3020 ZAALEFF 16 (B) B Hanbury 4-9-4 ... P Bloomfield 2
3 -034 SUMMER VILLA 6 (D,G) J Hetherton 4-9-1 ... D McKeown 6
4 4243 BRIGHT ECLIPSE 4 (B,BF) J Hills 3-8-9 ... J Fortune 1
5 0-04 COWBOY DREAMS 37 (V) M Tompkins 3-8-9 ... H K Yim (3) 5
6 5005 HOBBS CHOICE 14 (C,S) G Moore 3-8-8 ... J Tate 3

9-4 Giftbox, 3-1 Bright Eclipse, 4-1 Summer Villa, 6-1 Zaaleff, 8-1 others

8.00 TOSHIBA AT STEPEK HANDICAP
(£3,346: 6f 5yd) (7)

1 0-24 BOLD STREET 3 (B,D,BF,G,S) A Bailey 6-9-10 ... J Carroll 6
2 4245 STAND TALL 13 (D,G) C Thornton 4-9-1 ... D McKeown 2
3 1302 CRAIGIE BOY 32 (B,CD,G,S) N Bycroft 6-9-0 ... J Tate 1
4 5051 THWAAB 13 (V,D,F) F Watson 4-8-11 ... J Fanning 5
5 0044 OPENING CHORUS 9 (BF,G) D Nicholls 3-8-6 ... J Fortune 4
6 1062 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 13 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 4-8-3 ... L Charnock 3
7 0032 MOST UPPITTY 4 (D,BF,F,G) J Berry 4-7-13 ... H K Yim (3) 7

11-4 Craigie Boy, 4-1 Thwaab, 9-2 Stand Tall, 6-1 Bold Street, Opening Chorus, 7-1 Most Uppitty, 8-1 Sunday Mail Too

8.30 CREATIVE UPHOLSTERY/STEPEK SUITE COLLECTION EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,225: 5f 4yd) (6)

1 6 FRUITANA 24 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 3
2 024 NOMORE MR NICEGUY 9 E Alston 9-0 ... J Fortune 5
3 43 CHANSON D'AMOUR 14 Miss L Perratt 8-9 ... L Charnock 1
4 MIRROR FOUR SPORT M Johnston 8-9 ... J Fanning 2
5 04 PERPETUAL 5 M Prescott 8-9 ... R Perham 6
6 SCOTMAIL LASS G Moore 8-9 ... J Tate 4

6-4 Nomore Mr Niceguy, 3-1 Mirror Four Sport, 5-1 Fruitana, 6-1 Scotmail Lass, 7-1 Chanson D'Amour, 12-1 Perpetual

9.00 ZANUSSI AT STEPEK SELLING STAKES
(£2,276: 5f 4yd) (4)

1 5012 SENSE OF PRIORITY 2 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-9 ... Alex Greaves 2
2 0301 PENNY PARKES 4 (B,D,F,G) J Berry 3-8-13 ... J Carroll 4
3 0033 LA SUQUET 21 (CD,F) N Tinkler 4-8-12 ... L Charnock 1
4 AMYLOU R Allan 3-8-7 ... J Fanning 3

4-9 La Suquet, 11-4 Sense Of Priority, 10-1 Penny Parkes, 14-1 Amylou

9.30 SHARP AT STEPEK MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,962: 1m 5f 9yd) (9)

1 0605 MAFTUN 15 G Moore 4-10-0 ... J Tate 6
2 060 LEAD STORY 18 E Dunlop 3-9-10 ... J Carroll 4
3 4300 ME CHEROKEE 13 C Thornton 4-9-4 ... D McKeown 1
4 4-00 SHIRLEY SUE 11 M Johnston 3-8-13 ... J Fanning 9
5 2430 RATTLE 27 (B) J J O'Neill 3-8-11 ... J Fortune 8
6 0004 NORTHERN MOTTO 16 W Storey 3-8-11 ... — 3
7 500 HASCO 37 M Camacho 3-8-8 ... L Charnock 5
8 0006 BREYDON 37 M Tompkins 3-8-8 ... H K Yim (3) 2
9 0-06 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 36 (B) D Nolan 6-8-3 ... K Sked (7) 7

7-2 Me Cherokee, 4-1 Breydon, 5-1 Northern Motto, 6-1 Maftun, Shirley Sue, Rattle, 8-1 Lead Story, 10-1 others.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
6.45 Sakharov. 7.15 Abalene. 7.45 Clifton Fox. 8.15 For Old Times Sake. 8.45 Marylebone. 9.15 White Plains.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 FERGUSON FAWSITT ARMS SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,868: 7f 100yd) (15 runners)

1 6006 HANNAH'S USHER 15 (F,G) C Murray 4-10-0 ... M Tebbutt 3
2 -102 SAKHAROV 9 (D,BF,F,G) M Johnston 7-9-12 ... T Williams 9
3 0060 THICK AS THIEVES 22 (C,F,G) R Thompson 4-9-2 ... P Roberts (5) 7
4 0120 MY GODSON 39 (B,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-9-1 ... C Teague (3) 14
5 0044 HAIDO'HART 3 B Rothwell 4-9-0 ... M Fenton 13
6 -000 NORTHGATE CHIEF 27 M Brittain 4-8-13 ... M Wigham 15
7 0000 PINKERTON POLKA 7 C Brittain 4-8-12 ... K Rutter 12
8 60-0 HARSH TIMES 109 (B,G) T Easterby 3-8-11 ... W Ryan 2
9 0510 CHEERFUL GROOM 36 (D,BF,F) S Bowring 5-8-11 ... N Kennedy 6
10 0000 MYSTIC TIMES 11 (B,G) Miss J Craze 3-8-8 ... N Carlisle 10
11 6000 YOUNG BEN 29 J Wainwright 4-8-8 ... J Bramhill (7) 8
12 0026 BEDAZZLE 6 (G) M Brittain 5-8-6 ... J Lowe 11
13 0-00 MILL END LADY 37 M W Easterby 3-8-5 ... G Parkin (5) 5
14 0-60 CATWALK GIRL 17 (V,D,F) Miss J Craze 3-8-5 ... N Connorton 1
15 0200 LANGTONIAN 3 (B,G) J Eyre 7-8-1 ... Iona Wands (7) 4

3-1 Sakharov, 4-1 Bedazzle, 5-1 Hannah's Usher, 6-1 Thick As Thieves, 8-1 Haido'hart, 10-1 My Godson, Cheerful Groom, 12-1 others.

7.15 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Gentleman amateur riders: £3,119: 1m 3f 216yd) (7)

1 0410 DANCE KING 14 (F) R Harris 4-12-0 ... V Lukaniuk (4) 2
2 000- SHARKASHKA 58J (D,G) T Easterby 6-11-0 ... S Swiers 5
3 0000 PENNINE WIND 7 S Dow 4-11-0 ... S Fetherstonhaugh (4) 6
4 4320 GO WITH THE WIND 14 M Bell 3-10-13 ... R Wakley (4) 1
5 /66- GOLDEN HADEER 525 (D,S) M Ryan 5-10-6 ... S Lavallin (4) 4
6 /0-0 PEPITIST 21 M Hammond 5-10-4 ... C Bonner 3
7 63-5 ABALENE 30 (CD,F,G) T Donnelly 7-9-12 ... M H Naughton 7

5-2 Go With The Wind, 3-1 Sharkashka, 7-2 Dance King, 5-1 Abalene, 7-1 Golden Hadeer, 16-1 Pennine Wind, Pepitist.

7.45 WILLIAM JACKSON'S HANDICAP
(£5,824: 1m 100yd) (9)

1 1360 QUEENS CONSUL 5 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 6-10-0 ... M Fenton 1
2 0312 CLIFTON FOX 45 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Glover 4-9-11 ... S D Williams 5
3 4-23 BEND WAVY 14 L Cumani 4-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 9
4 2045 PERCY BRAITHWAITE 13 (F) M Johnston 4-9-10 ... T Williams 4
5 2312 SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 7 (C,F,G) T Easterby 5-9-9 ... M Birch 3
6 6500 UP IN FLAMES 5 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-9-1 ... F Lynch (3) 6
7 1132 SECOND COLOURS 9 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-10 ... A Culhane 7
8 1141 AUTUMN COVER 20 (D,F) P Hedger 4-8-5 ... D Biggs 2
9 3222 INTENDANT 32 (D,BF,F) J Fitzgerald 4-8-5 ... W Ryan 8

7-2 Bend Wavy, 5-1 Clifton Fox, Sandmoor Chambray, Autumn Cover, 6-1 Percy Braithwaite, Intendant, 10-1 Second Colours, 12-1 others.

8.15 WELLBEING CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,234: 5f) (5)

1 1115 FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 29 (CD,BF,F,G) J Berry 9-2 ... G Carter 5
2 2212 MAGICAL TIMES 26 (D,BF,F) R Boss 9-0 ... W Ryan 2
3 21 CONSPIRACY 20 (D,F) J Dunlop 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 3
4 11 EXPRESS GIRL 58 (D,S) D Moffatt 8-9 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 1
5 4133 SKYERS FLYER 30 (CD,F) R Thompson 8-6 ... N Connorton 4

7-4 Conspiracy, 5-2 For Old Times Sake, 11-4 Magical Times, 9-2 Express Girl, 14-1 Skyers Flyer

8.45 JACKSONS FAMILY FOODSTORE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,761: 5f) (6)

1 34 BLAZING CASTLE 35 W G M Turner 9-0 ... D Sweeney (7) 4
2 CHEROKEE FLIGHT Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... W Ryan 5
3 MARYLEBONE J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 3
4 MAZIL T Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 6
5 0 RISKY FLIGHT 104 A Smith 9-0 ... J Lowe 2
6 5 TOM MI DAH 5 M Hammond 9-0 ... F Lynch (3) 1

7-4 Marylebone, 11-4 Cherokee Flight, 7-2 Tom Mi Dah, 4-1 Blazing Castle, 5-1 Mazil, 100-1 Risky Flight.

9.15 SANCTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,132: 1m 1f 207yd) (11)

1 3132 ALREEH 8 (D,F) J Gosden 9-7 ... R Hills 11
2 5231 WHITE PLAINS 10 (D,F) M Bell 9-5 ... M Fenton 2
3 6101 PERPETUAL LIGHT 15 (G) J Quinn 9-2 ... M Birch 1
4 2013 GET TOUGH 21 (D,F) S Dow 8-13 ... J F Egan 9
5 -012 PARSA 23 (D,BF,F) J Dunlop 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 5
6 4000 FALCON'S FLAME 16 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 ... G Carter 7
7 -460 ONE LIFE TO LIVE 24 (B) A Harrison 7-13 ... C Adamson (5) 4
8 0021 KERNOF 4 (B,D,F) M Hammond 7-12 ... F Lynch (3) 3
9 -000 SOUTH PAGODA 14 (B) D Nicholls 7-11 ... N Kennedy 6
10 0-02 SING AND DANCE 14 E Weymes 7-10 ... J Lowe 10
11 00-0 LA FANDANGO 67 M W Easterby 7-10 ... Dale Gibson 8

3-1 Parsa, 9-2 Alreeh, 5-1 White Plains, Kernof, 6-1 Perpetual Light, Get Tough, 7-1 Sing And Dance, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

BEVERLEY: Trainers: L Cumani, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%; S Dow, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Bell, 8 from 26, 30.8%; J Gosden, 4 from 15, 26.7%; J Dunlop, 11 from 44, 25.0%; M Johnston, 21 from 103, 20.4%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; M Fenton, 10 from 34, 29.4%; R Hills, 5 from 24, 20.8%; W Ryan, 14 from 69, 20.3%; Darren Moffatt, 5 from 42, 11.9%; G Carter, 8 from 73, 11.0%

HAMILTON PARK: Trainers: M Tompkins, 12 winners from 38 runners, 31.6%; M Prescott, 10 from 35, 28.6%; B Hanbury, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 32 from 151, 21.2%; M Johnston, 32 from 174, 18.4%; J Berry, 44 from 246, 17.9%. Jockeys: Mrs L Pearce, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; K Sked, 3 from 11, 27.3%; R Lappin, 6 from 34, 17.6%; J Fortune, 18 from 104, 17.3%; J Carroll, 38 from 224, 17.0%; D McKeown, 22 from 152, 14.5%

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.20 Akiymann. 2.50 Myrmidon. 3.25 Malibu Man. 3.55 Czarna. 4.30 Montendre. 5.00 Seasonal Splendour.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 JOHNNY OSBORNE CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,030: 1m 3f 200yd) (7 runners)

1 (7) 14/2 AKIYMANN 11 (G,S) M Pipe 6-10-0 ... G Carter 89
2 (1) 6 PRECEDENCY 14 (V) K McAuliffe 4-9-12 ... W J O'Connor —
3 (2) 561/ DIAMOND CUT 35J (D,F) M Pipe 8-9-8 ... B Thomson —
4 (5) 05-4 TRADE WIND 11 (V,F,G) J O'Shea 5-9-8 ... V Slattery [top rating]
5 (3) 2311 PHARLY DANCER 2 (D,G,S) W Haigh 7-9-6 ... R Lappin 98
6 (6) 3-26 SHABANAZ 13 (C,F,G,S) W Musson 11-9-6 ... J Fortune 90
7 (4) 242- FEARLESS WONDER 171J (B,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-4 ... S Copp (5) 85

5-2 Fearless Wonder, 3-1 Pharly Dancer, 7-2 Shabanaz, 6-1 Akiymann, 7-1 Trade Wind, 10-1 Diamond Cut, 33-1 Precedency

2.50 HEUBACH MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,747: 6f) (12)

1 (6) MADISON WELCOME Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 ... W J O'Connor —
2 (8) 26 MYRMIDON 28 J Dunlop 8-11 ... G Carter [top rating]
3 (5) 0 PRESENTIMENT 35 J Berry 8-11 ... Dale Gibson 50
4 (1) GOOD DAY C Thornton 8-8 ... D McKeown —
5 (2) 4 DEMOLITION MAN 44 (BF) J Watts 8-6 ... J Carroll 64
6 (11) 0 ULTRA BOY 25 P Haslam 8-6 ... J Fortune 65
7 (9) FOXES TAIL Miss S Hall 8-3 ... N Carlisle —
8 (7) 4 HEATHYARDS PEARL 21 R Hollinshead 8-3 ... F Lynch (3) 82
9 (3) 625 MANHATTAN DIAMOND 29 A Bailey 8-3 ... A Mackay 79
10 (4) MONARCH'S PURSUIT T Easterby 8-3 ... J Lowe —
11 (10) 42 LAMARITA 11 J Eustace 8-1 ... J Tate 94
12 (12) SANDMOOR ZOE T Easterby 8-1 ... L Charnock —

5-2 Lamarita, 7-2 Myrmidon, 5-1 Heathyards Pearl, 6-1 Demolition Man, 10-1 Monarch's Pursuit, Madison Welcome, 14-1 others

3.25 WEATHERBYS GROUP HANDICAP
(£3,014: 5f) (12)

1 (3) 6331 SING WITH THE BAND 11 (D,F,G) B McMahon 5-9-13 (7ex) ... G Carter 94
2 (12) 0620 MALIBU MAN 15 (D,G) E Wheeler 4-9-10 ... B Thomson 98
3 (7) 4061 SHARP MONTY 32 (F) R Hollinshead 3-9-3 ... F Lynch (3) 97
4 (10) 0430 GWESPYR 13 (D,BF,G) J Berry 3-9-1 ... J Carroll [top rating]
5 (11) 3464 FEATHERSTONE LANE 8 (V,D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 5-8-12 ... W J O'Connor 95
6 (9) 0000 SOUPERFICIAL 18 (B,D,F,G) J Glover 5-8-10 ... J Fortune —
7 (1) -000 GONDO 29 (CD,F,G,S) E Alston 9-8-5 ... Iona Wands (7) 91
8 (5) 7313 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 6 (B,D,BF,F) D Chapman 4-8-5 ... D McKeown 95
9 (2) 0-00 ASHIK 83 L Barratt 3-8-2 ... L Charnock —
10 (6) -030 MAYSIMP 17 B Baugh 3-8-1 ... N Carlisle 91
11 (8) 0050 IVY LILIAN 29 W Brisbourne 4-7-10 ... J Bramhill (7) 96
12 (4) 0000 PRIME PROPERTY 23 (B,F) M W Easterby 4-7-10 ... Dale Gibson —

7-2 Sing With The Band, 9-2 Bowcliffe Grange, 5-1 Featherstone Lane, 7-1 Sharp Monty, Gondo, Souperficial, 10-1 others.

3.55 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION RATED HANDICAP
(£7,758: 7f 30yd) (8)

1 (1) 3824 BAND ON THE RUN 27 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 9-9-7 ... G Carter 93
2 (3) -800 ASTRAC 14 (D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-9-4 ... D Denby (7) 94
3 (5) -000 BOLD EFFORT 14 (B,F,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-2 ... J Fortune 96
4 (8) 6101 SASEEDO 4 (D,F,G) W O'Gorman 6-9-1 (3ex) ... Emma O'Gorman 98
5 (2) 44-0 SOME HORSE 41 (C,G,S) M Meagher 3-8-11 ... J Carroll 88
6 (4) -010 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 84 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Channon 6-8-10 ... A Mackay [top rating]
7 (6) 0230 CZARNA 16 (D,S) C Brittain 5-8-7 ... M Birch 97
8 (7) 2422 BOLLIN JOANNE 20 T Easterby 3-7-13 ... L Charnock 96

5-2 Saseedo, 3-1 Bollin Joanne, 7-2 Astrac, 4-1 Band On The Run, 7-1 Czarna, 14-1 Champagne Grandy, 20-1 others.

4.30 ST HELENS STAR CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,909: 6f) (6)

1 (6) 40-4 AVERTI 34 (D,F,G) W Muir 5-9-1 ... B Thomson 94
2 (3) 5020 MONTENDRE 15 (D,F,G) M McCormack 9-9-1 ... M Birch 98
3 (2) 0 CHELWOOD 27 (B) L Lloyd-James 4-8-10 ... Dale Gibson 50
4 (1) 13- LACRYMA CRISTI 344 (D,F) R Charlton 3-8-9 ... G Carter 79
5 (4) 34-0 GREEK ICON 34 (D,F,G) M Channon 3-8-4 ... A Mackay 76
6 (5) 4020 MY MELODY PARKES 15 (F) J Berry 3-8-4 ... J Carroll [top rating]

2-1 My Melody Parkes, 5-2 Averti, 3-1 Montendre, 9-2 Lacryma Cristi, 8-1 Greek Icon, 50-1 Chelwood

5.00 FRANK WOOTTON HANDICAP
(£3,667: 1m 6f) (7)

1 (6) 6000 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 17 (F) M Pipe 6-9-10 ... G Carter 92
2 (2) 3463 MIDYAN BLUE 20 (C,D,G) J Eustace 6-9-7 ... F Lynch (3) 92
3 (4) -214 WELSH MILL 23 (G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-5 ... A Culhane 92
4 (3) 210- SUGAR MILL 244 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-0 ... W J O'Connor [top rating]
5 (1) 5031 TURGENEV 27 (B,CD,G,S) R Bastiman 7-8-10 ... Dale Gibson 90
6 (7) 6004 RAFFLES ROOSTER 41 A Newcombe 4-8-4 ... A Mackay 91
7 (5) 4-50 FAUGERON 11 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-8-0 ... Kim Tinkler 88

7-4 Turgenev, 7-2 Welsh Mill, 4-1 Midyan Blue, 6-1 Raffles Rooster, 7-1 Sugar Mill, 8-1 Seasonal Splendour, 33-1 Faugeron

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M McCormack, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%; J Glover, 7 from 29, 24.1%; J Dunlop, 25 from 104, 24.0%; R Charlton, 9 from 41, 22.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 82, 15.9%; M Meagher, 3 from 22, 13.6%
JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 22 winners from 194 rides, 11.3%. Only qualifier

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Dancing Jack
2.35 Dancing Image
3.10 SALMON LADDER (nap)
3.40 Dalmeny Dancer
4.10 Dancing Drop
4.45 Clerkenwell

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 DANCING DROP.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Alamein. 3.10 MISSILE (nap). 4.40 Clerkenwell.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.00 TIN TIN DAILY NEWS TROPHY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,469: 5f 6yd) (11 runners)

101 (5) 055435 PLEASURE TIME 7 (D,F) (Temple Bruers) C Smith 9-7 ... A Clark 95
102 (4) 610045 CISERANO 9 (D,G) (K Dack) M Channon 9-4 ... A Eddery (7) 96
103 (6) 3-06004 MINDRACE 20 (D Abbott) K Ivory 9-2 ... B Doyle 95
104 (1) 50-0540 RIFIFI 30 (Brooklight Guarding) R Ingram 9-2 ... S Whitworth 97
105 (9) 50-0031 FAIRY PRINCE 9 (F) (A Skinner) Mrs A King 9-2 (6ex) ... Dane O'Neill (3) 96
106 (3) 440-03 NEED YOU BADLY 11 (A Ali) S Woods 9-1 ... W Woods 93
107 (2) 224-522 CLAN CHIEF 8 (P Lowe) J Arnold 9-0 ... T Quinn 95
108 (7) 5-63434 MYSTERY MATTHIAS 11 (V) (M & J Laycock) Miss B Sanders 8-7 ... S Sanders 95
109 (10) 240006 DANCING JACK 10 (D,G) (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 8-6 ... K Fallon [top rating]
110 (11) 505040 MUSIC MISTRESS 48 (B,D,F) (Mrs D Strauss) J Moore 8-4 ... J F Egan 95
111 (8) 250000 SUNSET HARBOUR 25 (B) (R Thomas) T Naughton 8-1 ... J Quinn 94

BETTING: 3-1 Clan Chief, 7-2 Fairy Prince, 9-2 Need You Badly, 7-1 Mindrace, 8-1 Ciserano, Mystery Matthias, 10-1 Pleasure Time, 12-1 others

1995: TEDBURROW 9-4 L Dettori (11-2) Mrs A Naughton 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

PLEASURE TIME 2½l 3rd of 9 to Rushcutter Bay in handicap at Nottingham (5f, Good To Firm) on penultimate start. MINDRACE 5¾l 4th of 10 to Ivory's Grab Hire in handicap at Lingfield (7f, firm). RIFIFI 2l and neck 4th of 10 to Always Grace in handicap at Brighton (6f, Good) with DANCING JACK 18l 8th. FAIRY PRINCE beat Palhaze 1¼l in 9-runner handicap at Carlisle (6f, firm) with CISERANO (7lb better off) 2l and neck 5th. NEED YOU BADLY 3½l 3rd of 8 to Time To Tango in maiden at Musselburgh (5f, good to firm). CLAN CHIEF short-head 2nd of 9 to John O'Dreams in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm). MYSTERY MATTHIAS 3½l 4th of 13 to Pointer in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: DANCING JACK

2.35 SING TAO TROPHY HANDICAP (C4)
(3-Y-O: £8,832: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

201 (9) 0620 DON BOSIO 17 (Sultan Al Kabeer) M Stoute 9-7 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 93
202 (11) 2-231 MUTADARRA 42 (G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-6 ... W Carson 95
203 (4) 34-3116 ALAMEIN 17 (B,D,F,G) (H De Kwiatkowski) W Haggas 9-6 ... K Fallon 96
204 (10) 105252 GREEN BARRIES 14 (BF,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Johnston 9-2 ... J Weaver 95
205 (5) 500-046 SARD 32 (G) (Mrs M Clayton) C Smith 9-1 ... A Clark 96
206 (7) 524-042 NAVIGATE 20 (BF) (Highclere Thoroughbreds) R Hannon 9-1 ... Pat Eddery 98
207 (6) 65-2311 DANCING IMAGE 16 (F) (The Queen) I Balding 8-13 ... T Quinn 95
208 (1) 201 POLAR PROSPECT 23 (D,F) (Elisay Racing) B Hanbury 8-10 ... J Stack (3) 97
209 (2) 06-6022 LA TANSANI 27 (BF) (S Al Homeizi) R Hannon 8-5 ... J F Egan 81
210 (12) 06-4442 DUBAI COLLEGE 10 (A Merza) C Brittain 8-2 ... B Doyle [top rating]
211 (8) 0-000 AMEER ALFAYAAFI 80 (Lime Street Racing) R Akehurst 7-12 ... S Sanders 93
212 (3) 015334 SOUND CHECK 8 (B,D,BF,F) (Theobalds Stud) B Meehan 7-10 ... J Quinn 92

Long handicap: Sound Check 7-6

BETTING: 3-1 Dancing Image, 5-1 Mutadarra, 6-1 Alamein, Navigate, 8-1 Dubai College, Polar Prospect, 10-1 others.

1995: NIGHT DANCE 8-2 A Whelan (20-1) G Lewis 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUTADARRA beat Old Roma head in 13-runner maiden at Pontefract (6f, good). ALAMEIN 3¼l 6th of 31 to North Song in handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm) with DON BOSIO (3lb better off) 6¾l 15th. GREEN BARRIES ¾l 2nd of 8 to For The Present in handicap at Redcar (6f, firm). NAVIGATE neck 2nd of 7 to Concer Un in handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). DANCING IMAGE beat Menoo Hal Batal in 6-runner handicap at Ripon (1m, good to firm). POLAR PROSPECT beat Hannotou neck in 9-runner maiden at Beverley (7f 100yds, good to firm). LA TANSANI 2l 2nd of 12 to Oberon's Dart in handicap at Wolverhampton (A.W. 7f). DUBAI COLLEGE ½l 2nd of 9 to Nashaat in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, firm). SOUND CHECK about 2l 4th of 9 to Mimosa in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm).
Selection: POLAR PROSPECT

3.10 HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY HANDICAP (C4)
(£51,750: 1m 2f 7yd) (20 runners)

301 (13) 1/605-11 SALMON LADDER 13 (D,F,G,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 4-9-12 (4ex) ... T Quinn 95
302 (3) 22/13 CHIEF BURUNDI 39 (F) (P Leonard) L Cumani 4-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 92
303 (10) 200-160 BALL GOWN 13 (D,F,G,S) (C Lines) D Thom 6-9-0 ... L Newton (5) 90
304 (6) 032360 HARDY DANCER 18 (F) (P Higson) G L Moore 4-8-13 ... S Whitworth 87
305 (2) 032-210 WINTER ROMANCE 17 (BF,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-13 ... M Hills 91
306 (14) 05-3210 MAJOR CHANGE 16 (CD,F) R Hannon 4-8-13 (4ex) ... Dane O'Neill (3) 95
307 (20) 32-1121 YEAST 16 (F,S) (B Haggas) W Haggas 4-8-13 (4ex) ... K Fallon [top rating]
308 (16) 1000-25 SPECIAL DAWN 82 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Windflower) J Dunlop 6-8-12 ... Paul Eddery 91
309 (15) 6102-05 WILCUMA 39 (C,F,G,S) (T Warner) P Makin 5-8-11 ... D Holland 98
310 (4) 340325 MISS UNIVERSAL 16 (B Bush) C Brittain 3-8-10 ... B Doyle 94
311 (19) 1-00340 BELIEVE ME 17 (F,G) (B Adams) R Hannon 3-8-8 ... R Perham 91
312 (5) 510-003 SHEER DANZIG 21 (D,G) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 4-8-7 ... W Woods 93
313 (9) 10-2414 PLEASANT SURPRISE 15 (D,F,S) (A Ali) M Johnston 3-8-7 ... J Weaver 94
314 (17) 330026 HAZARD A GUESS 5 (CD,F,G,S) (Consultco Ltd) D Nicholls 6-8-4 ... J F Egan 90
315 (7) 632-012 SKILLINGTON 30 (D,BF,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-1 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 95
316 (12) 021-1 MISSILE 50 (F) (J Bogus) W Haggas 3-7-13 ... W Carson 87
317 (18) 000-406 FIELDRIDGE 14 (D,F,G) (Charleston Partners) M Muggeridge 7-7-12 ... N Adams 89
318 (8) 101303 KOMREYEV DANCER 7 (F,G) (D Gallagher) A Bailey 4-7-11 ... D Wright (3) 90
319 (1) 03504-5 SILVER GROOM 7 (C,D,F,S) (Silver Darlings) R Akehurst 6-7-11 ... J Quinn 83
320 (11) 241314 SPIRITO LIBRO 20 (D,F,G) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 3-7-10 ... M Baird (5) 84

Long handicap: Spirito Libro 7-2

BETTING: 7-2 Yeast, 4-1 Missile, 5-1 Salmon Ladder, 8-1 Sheer Danzig, 10-1 Chief Burundi, Winter Romance, Skillington, 12-1 Special Dawn, 14-1 others

1995: YOUSH 3-8-1 B Doyle (6-1) M Jarvis 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

SALMON LADDER beat Ellie Ardensky 1l in 11-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm) with BALL GOWN (2lb better off) 16l 8th and KOMREYEV DANCER (2lb better off) 2l 10th. CHIEF BURUNDI 1¼l and neck 3rd of 14 to Blomberg in handicap here (1m, good to soft) with WILCUMA (3lb better off) 3½l and short head 5th. WINTER ROMANCE beat Jo Mell 5l in 10-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start with BELIEVE ME (12lb better off) ¾l 3rd. MAJOR CHANGE beat Fahs short-head in 9-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with SHEER DANZIG (4lb better off) 2½l 3rd. YEAST beat Tertium 2½l in 31-runner handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm). PLEASANT SURPRISE beat Exalted head in 11-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 3f 120yds, good to soft) on penultimate start. SKILLINGTON 2½l 2nd of 9 to Sasuru in handicap at York (1m 2f 85 yd, good). MISSILE beat WINTER ROMANCE (7lb worse off) head in 13-runner handicap at York (1m, good to firm) with SPIRITO LIBRO (4lb worse off) 1¾l 3rd. KOMREYEV DANCER short-head and ¾l 3rd of 7 to Master Charter in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) with SILVER GROOM about 2l 5th.
Selection: PLEASANT SURPRISE

3.40 HSBC TROPHY (C4)
(Conditions race: 2-Y-O: £6,156: 7f 16yd) (6 runners)

401 (5) 13 BELGRAVIA 15 (BF,F) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 98
402 (3) 41 GROOM'S GORDON 11 (F) (Mrs H Focke) J Dunlop 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 92
403 (1) 421 MALADERIE 11 (F) (R Brehaut) M Channon 9-0 ... R Hughes 84
404 (6) 42165 DALMENY DANCER 15 (G) (Thurloe Thoroughbreds) B Meehan 8-10 ... B Doyle [top rating]
405 (2) 0 MULTITONE 14 (P Kan) J Eustace 8-10 ... W Woods 56
406 (4) LADY MAIL (G Coull) J Eustace 8-5 ... M Hills —

BETTING: 6-5 Belgravia, 6-4 Groom's Gordon, 7-1 Maladerie, 10-1 Dalmeny Dancer, 25-1 Multitone, Lady Mail

1995: HONEST GUEST 8-5 P Robinson (7-2) M Tompkins 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELGRAVIA 1½l 3rd of 12 to Shamikh in listed race at Ascot (7f, good to firm) with DALMENY DANCER (2lb better off) neck and ½l 5th. GROOM'S GORDON dead heated with Boojum in 6-runner maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). MALADERIE beat Lamarita neck in 14-runner maiden at Windsor (6f, good to firm). DALMENY DANCER best effort beat Kenwood Melody 4l in 8-runner maiden at Brighton (6f, good). MULTITONE 9½l 7th of 9 to Makhbar in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: BELGRAVIA

4.10 SINO GROUP DRAGON TROPHY (C4)
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £11,987: 5f) (5 runners)

501 (3) 2210 GRANNY'S PET 15 (D,G) (Mrs D Arbib) P Cole 9-3 ... T Quinn 90
502 (5) 1 COMPTON PLACE 20 (D,F) (Duke Of Devonshire) J Toller 9-1 ... S Sanders 86
503 (4) 13 BETTYNOUCHE 26 (D,S) (H Honore) R Hannon 8-10 ... R Hughes 68
504 (1) 212 VAX STAR 14 (D,F) (Vax Limited) J Spearing 8-10 ... J Weaver 96
505 (2) 20 DANCING DROP 16 (Mohamed Suhail) R Hannon 8-7 ... Pat Eddery [top rating]

BETTING: 6-4 Vax Star, 11-4 Dancing Drop, 4-1 Granny's Pet, 6-1 Compton Place, 8-1 Bettynouche

1995: HOME SHOPPING 8-10 J Tate (8-1) K McAuliffe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRANNY'S PET beat Hangover Square 3½l at Epsom (5f, good) on penultimate start. COMPTON PLACE beat Ride Sally Ride head in 6-runner race at Bath (5f, good to firm). BETTYNOUCHE best effort beat Woman Of Wit 2½l in maiden at Warwick (5f, good to soft). VAX STAR 2½l 2nd to Dazzle in race at Ascot (5f, good to firm). DANCING DROP short-head 2nd to Moonshine Girl in maiden over course and distance (good).
Selection: GRANNY'S PET

4.40 SUN HUNG KAI SECURITIES MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,583: 1m 6f) (11 runners)

601 (6) 355-000 CYPRESS AVENUE 70 (C Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 4-9-12 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 68
602 (7) 40 MELOMANIA 18 (R Lorenz) T Naughton 4-9-12 ... N Adams 68
603 (1) 03020-0 SPREAD THE WORD 49 (J Boswell) L Cottrell 4-9-7 ... D Holland 73
604 (11) 0-45543 ANCHOR VENTURE 10 (BF) (F Chao) S Woods 3-8-11 ... K Fallon 69
605 (2) 4-2320 CLERKENWELL 16 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-11 ... Pat Eddery [top rating]
606 (9) 05 HEVER GOLF CLASSIC 21 (Hever Racing Club) T Naughton 3-8-11 ... Paul Eddery 68
607 (5) 344206 RIVERCARE 20 (G Laheni) M Polglase 3-8-11 ... J Weaver 72
608 (8) 363002 WARNING REEF 6 (P Sheehan) M Channon 3-8-11 ... R Hughes 95
609 (10) 00-34 BELMARITA 23 (BF) (G Hubbard) M Tompkins 3-8-6 ... P Robinson 83
610 (4) 230 SHIRLEY VENTURE 28 (F Chao) S Woods 3-8-6 ... W Woods 83
611 (3) 0- SLIPARIS 282 (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-6 ... C Munday (7) —

BETTING: 5-4 Clerkenwell, 7-1 Warning Reef, 8-1 Cypress Avenue, 10-1 Anchor Venture, Belmarita, Shirley Venture, 12-1 Melomania, 14-1 others

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MELOMANIA 16l 4th of 7 to Strazo in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good to soft). SPREAD THE WORD best recent effort ½l 2nd of 15 to Keep Your Distance in race at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, soft). ANCHOR VENTURE 4¼l 4th of 7 to Mighty Phantom in maiden at Lingfield (A/W, 2m). CLERKENWELL neck 2nd of 7 to Harbour Dues in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). BELMARITA about 1½l 4th of 6 to Sea Victor at Kempton (1m 6f 92yd, good to firm). SHIRLEY VENTURE 2l 3rd of 5 to Placa de L'Opera in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CLERKENWELL (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
W Haggas	4	19	21.1	Pat Eddery	53	258	20.5
J Dunlop	19	98	19.4	Dane O'Neill	4	23	17.4
J Spearing	3	16	18.4	J Weaver	7	48	14.6
M Johnston	7	38	18.4	W Carson	26	185	14.1
I Balding	16	94	17.0	T Quinn	23	178	12.9
M Stoute	23	146	15.8	M Hills	10	100	10.0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm, firm in back straight

2.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Cheeky Chappy (J Quinn, 7-2); 2, Red Admiral (7-1); 3, Faraway Lass (6-4 fav). 7 ran. 3½l, ½l. D Chapman. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.80. DF: £10.80. CSF: £23.33.

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Retoto (T Quinn, 15-8 fav); 2, Grovefair Maiden (7-1); 3, Senate Swings (100-30). 6 ran. 1¼l, 2l. B McMath. Tote: £3.20; £2.10, £2.70. DF: £14.50. CSF: £12.97. Bought in 6,500gns.

3.00 (7f 3yd) 1, Branston Abby (D Holland, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Monaassib (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Mawwal (100-30 jt-fav). 6 ran. NR: Silent Expression. ½l, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £5.10. CSF: £13.00.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Patsy Grimes (Aimee Cook, 8-1); 2, Happy (6-4 fav); 3, Zelda Zonk (7-2). 7 ran. 1½l, 5l. J Moore. Tote: £7.90; £3.70, £2.00. DF: £7.80. CSF: £19.14.

4.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Blockade (M Fenton, 7-4 fav); 2, Action Jackson (9-1); 3, Perilous Plight (11-4). 5 ran. 1½l, hd. M Bell. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.40. DF: £8.20. CSF: £13.91.

4.30 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Oasida (B Doyle, 3-1); 2, Lear Express (15-8 fav); 3, Serenus (11-4). 8 ran. NR: Velmez. Nk, 4l. C Brittain. Tote: £3.90; £1.10, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £5.70. Trio: £3.10. CSF: £8.52.

5.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Don't Drop Bombs (Miss J Feilden, 100-30); 2, Squared Away (6-1); 3, Hever Golf Diamond (14-1). Princely Affair 5-2 fav. 9 ran. Hd, ½l. D Thom. Tote: £4.30; £1.20, £2.10, £3.10. DF: £14.30. Trio: £100.30. CSF: £22.03. Tricast: £224.13.

Placepot: £38.50.
Quadpot: £4.50.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to soft, good in places

2.15 (5f) 1, I Can't Remember (J Fortune, 6-4 fav); 2, Where's Wally (7-2); 3, Timely Touch (25-1). 6 ran. 6l, 2½l. P Evans. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £8.10. No bid.

2.45 (1m 7f 177yd) 1, Iota (P Robinson, 4-1); 2, Cutthroat Kid (11-2); 3, Great Oration (9-4 fav). 11 ran. Nk, 4l. J L Harris. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £11.90. Trio: £9.10. CSF: £26.59. Tricast: £58.12.

3.15 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, Grey Galava (K Fallon, 13-8); 2, Parrot's Hill (8-1); 3, Alertza (8-1). Perfect Gift Evens fav. 5 ran. 16l, 2½l. B Hills. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £6.50. CSF: £11.21.

3.45 (7f) 1, Silver Welcome (F Lynch, 11-2); 2, Mels Baby (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Riccarton (9-1). Blessed Spirit 9-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 3l. T Easterby. Tote: £6.10; £1.10, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £12.10. Trio: £59.50. CSF: £32.10. Tricast: £217.58.

4.15 (7f) 1, Legal Issue (R Lappin, 7-1); 2, It's Academic (Evens fav); 3, Kid Ory (11-2). 8 ran. Hd, 2½l. W Haigh. Tote: £6.60; £2.10, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £6.50. CSF: £16.11.

4.45 (5f 212yd) 1, Bee Health Boy (N Connorton, 14-1); 2, No Monkey Nuts (10-1); 3, Desert Lynx (8-1). Ramsey Hope 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Hoh Majestic, Marino Street. Hd, 2½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £14.70; £3.70, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £68.70. Trio: £268.60. CSF: £129.03. Tricast: £1,095.99.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,920.73 carried forward to Sandown today).
Placepot: £236.70. Quadpot: £58.60.

Wednesday's late details

Epsom

Going: good to firm

6.20 (6f) 1, Powder River (Dane O'Neill, 5-6 fav); 2, Rise 'n Shine (5-2); 3, Salty Jack (12-1). 5 ran. NR: Cinema Paradiso. 4l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.17.

6.50 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, Nanda (J Stack, 11-2); 2, Supernova (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Omara (12-1). Russian Request 100-30 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Tart. 1¾l, 2½l. D Loder. Tote: £6.30; £2.40, £1.70, £3.20. DF: £5.90. Trio: £22.90. CSF: £21.53.

7.20 (7f) 1, Chickawicka (T Sprake, 10-1); 2, My Best Valentine (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Shamanic (6-1). Jo Maximus 9-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 2½l, ½l. B Palling. Tote: £12.00; £2.20, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £34.20. Trio: £24.40. CSF: £50.71. Tricast: £272.69. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

7.50 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Artic Courier (J Stack, 9-1); 2, Silently (8-1); 3, Chatham Island (7-1). Faateq 4-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Dear Life. 1¾l, nk. D Cosgrove. Tote: £13.60; £3.30, £2.90, £2.50. DF: £48.00. Trio: £119.40. CSF: £74.01. Tricast: £495.01. General Mouktar finished second but was disqualified and placed last.

8.20 (1m 114yd) 1, Half An Inch (B Doyle, 100-30); 2, Wingnut (14-1); 3, Sunley Secure (3-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Victory Commander. Hd, hd. B Meehan. Tote: £3.70; £2.20, £1.90. DF: £10.30. CSF: £37.45.

8.50 (6f) 1, Golden Pound (Dane O'Neill, 7-2 fav); 2, Cheeky Chappy (4-1); 3, Yo Kiri-B (6-1). 10 ran. 1l, 1½l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £4.60; £2.50, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £7.20. Trio: £15.30. CSF: £18.21. Tricast: £79.36.

Placepot: £165.50. Quadpot: £93.40.

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

6.35 (5f 43yd) 1, Times Of Times (A McCarthy, 9-1); 2, Songsheet (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Super Rocky (7-4 jt-fav). 5 ran. 1¾l, 3l. M Ryan. Tote: £7.50; £2.50, £1.20. DF: £6.70. CSF: £23.20.

7.05 (7f 3yd) 1, Cointosser (W Woods, 6-5 fav); 2, Bag And A Bit (7-1); 3, Never Think Twice (12-1). 10 ran. NR: Samara Song. 1¼l, 4l. S Woods. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £7.20. Trio: £32.70. CSF: £10.46. Cornice Quest finished first but was disqualified and placed last.

7.35 (1m 3yd) 1, Wild Palm (Emma O'Gorman, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Mr Rough (9-1); 3, Talathath (10-1). Passage Creeping 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. Sh hd, sh hd. W O'Gorman. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £3.70, £2.30. DF: £36.10. Trio: £119.20. CSF: £38.43. Tricast: £322.22.

8.05 (6f 3yd) 1, Sambac (W Ryan, 4-5 fav); 2, Blue Goblin (2-1); 3, Chymna (16-1). 8 ran. 2l, 7l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £1.10, £3.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.24.

8.35 (7f 3yd) 1, Great Ovation (O Urbina, 15-8); 2, Mount Kamet (4-7 fav); 3, Mac's Delight (8-1). 3 ran. NR: Pun. Nk. 8l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.27.

9.05 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Moonlight Quest (W Ryan, 9-4); 2, Lucky Coin (11-2); 3, Silver Hunter (7-4 fav). 4 ran. 6l, 1½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £2.40. DF: £7.70. CSF: £11.56. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

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CRICKET: INDIAN CENTURIONS EXPOSE LACK OF DEPTH IN ENGLAND'S BOWLING RESOURCES

Cork's rich seam near exhaustion

MICHAEL HENDERSON



At Trent Bridge

David Lloyd is one of nature's enthusiasts, in a Blue Peterish sort of way, but even he must find it difficult to cast a favourable light on England's bowling yesterday. When allowances have been made for the batting of two high-class performers on a good pitch, the England coach would still have to admit it was a thin effort.

India have already made a good fist of batting England out of the match. Should they bat through another day, as the Australians did here in 1989, they will have gone a long way towards winning it, and drawing the series. England did not look like taking wickets after Cork and Lewis removed the openers inside the first ten overs of a rain-affected morning. For most of the day it was plain fare, mere salt and pepper beside the aromatic Indian spices.

Lewis, Cork, Mullally, Ealham, Patel: there was good money to be had, nominating that attack at the start of the season. It may not be the worst bowling side England have put out in recent years but it is very far from the best. Confronted by batsmen who had no wish to get out, after Tendulkar had survived the early life Atherton granted him, the bowlers had neither the wit nor the guile to impose themselves.

Cork alone is of genuine Test class, and he is being bowled into the ground by a captain who, not unnaturally, leans on him as a crutch. Lewis has some good moments and some pretty grim half-hours; given the contrary nature of the man, that will always be the case. Mullally is a foot soldier, promoted above his rank. Ealham is a decent county pro, willing and limited. This, apparently, is the cream of English bowling, and it ought to give everybody connected with the game cause for reflection.

Other than Gough, who is taking wickets again for Yorkshire, there is nobody who demands consideration for the series coming up against Pakistan, whose batting is more capable than India's. Malcolm, Martin and Fraser, who finished the winter in South Africa, have been discarded for various reasons. Indeed, when Martin returned to Old Trafford last week after playing in the Lord's Test, he was dropped from the Lancashire side.

In the year since Cork broke into the side, 13 Tests ago, he has shared the new ball with four partners and there have been six different opening pairings. In that time, England have used a dozen men who bowl seam or swing at medium pace-plus. Australia rely on four, all of whom have won Test matches.

The most revealing aspect of this summer's cricket has been the persistent, occasionally inspired, new-ball bowling of Srinath and Prasad. They have proved more effective in English conditions than the native bowlers, Cork excepted, just as the Australians, Alderman and Reiffel, have done in recent summers.

Where once there was a Shackleton, a Cartwright, even a Hendrick or an Old, there is now a small army of trundlers who cannot get the ball to leave the bat, or bring it back in. They simply let it go, like Lewis, and hope for the best. Johnson, of Middlesex, and Chapple, of Lancashire, are probably the horses to back — if they can stay upright for more than a week at a time.

Which brings us to Atherton, who continues to ignore all hundreds made against England. If he was put in the stocks and forced to watch videos of his team's bowling yesterday he would mend his manners in no time. Buck up, skipper.

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Cork celebrates after dismissing Rathore for four yesterday. It was a rare moment of joy for England

Ramprakash proves relish for Surrey

BY RUPERT COX

THE OVAL (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 227 for six wickets against Surrey

AT THE age of 26 Mark Ramprakash has already secured two double hundreds and well in excess of a thousand county championship runs against Surrey. Yesterday he again demonstrated his partiality for the hosts' attack and that his convalescence from the winter's tribulations are now behind him, as he batted serenely, amid the showers, for his 80.

Last year Ramprakash's 214 consigned Surrey not only to a humbling innings defeat but also to the bottom of the table and another season of unfulfilled promise. But with these London rivals separated now by only three points this derby took on added purpose.

With the pitch exhibiting a greener tinge than many at the Oval, Middlesex's left-handed openers found batting hazardous. The bounce, though, remains exemplary and at 16 for two, Gatting announced his arrival by pulling Julian to the ropes at square leg.

Gatting and Ramprakash added 126 in 35 overs before Gatting, driving wildly at Hollioake, his counterpart, played on. A fifth century in eight innings against Surrey appeared almost a formality for Ramprakash, when Bicknell enticed a tickle to the wicketkeeper.

A spate of extras — Surrey have absurdly conceded more than 500 in the championship — and the lack of a high-class spinner are liable to, ultimately, cost them dear. They will, however, take heart from a rejuvenated Martin Bicknell, whose fine bowling put them on level terms.

Leicestershire prosper

BY PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (first day of four, Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with all their first-innings wickets in hand, are 50 runs behind Essex

IT SEEMS to have gone almost unnoticed in their own fair city, but Leicestershire are playing some of the best cricket in the country at the moment. They thrashed Yorkshire, the championship leaders, by an innings in their last match and yesterday they took a firm grip on one of the two matches they have in hand on them.

"There would be thousands out there just to see Gary Lineker run around in his underpants," one of their number said bitterly as he gazed at the handful of hardy souls who had turned up to see them bowl out Essex for a mediocre 163 and then move purposefully to 113 without loss in only 27 overs.

Leicestershire deserve better. They were without Mullally, who was otherwise engaged at Trent Bridge, but their captain, Whitaker, still had the confidence to put Essex in and he was amply rewarded by the bowling of Millns and Parsons who took four wickets apiece.

The pitch was better than it looked. It was damp and tinged with green at the start but it turned out to be no more than a slow seamer and it has to be said that Essex contributed to their own problems with some poor shot selection and even worse execution.

They lost Robinson and Grayson, both to Millns, bowling with half a gale behind him in a morning session which began 20 minutes late and was further interrupted by a heavy shower, yet Gooch and the prolific Law were in occupation at lunch and a decent score seemed in prospect.

It all changed in the first four overs of the afternoon. Gooch was leg-before playing no stroke to Simmons, Prichard made the same mistake against Parsons and lost his off stump and a crestfallen Irani was left wondering whether his dash down the motorway from Nottingham was really necessary when he edged his fourth ball and was caught behind.

When Law was bowled driving at Wells, all Essex had left were two hours of resistance from Rollins and a few hefty blows from Cowan before Millns and Parsons finished them off.

Essex had obviously missed the batting of Hussain and now they miss the bowling of Ilott, out once again, this time with an ankle injury, as Wells and Maddy put the pitch in some perspective. Wells maintained his rich run of form by reaching 50 off 75 balls, with nine fours, and Maddy gave him solid support.

Mushtaq issues a reminder to Somerset

BY SIMON WILDE

TAUNTON (second day of three): the Pakistanis, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 248 runs ahead of Somerset

THE Pakistanis continue to send out the direst warnings to the England camp. In between five brief stoppages for rain, they comprehensively outplayed Somerset yesterday. Declaring their first innings closed at 300 for seven early in the day, they spent the afternoon giving Somerset an uncomfortable time trying to pass a trifling follow-on target of 151.

After the hosts had narrowly avoided that indignity and been dismissed for 159, Saeed Anwar and Aamir Sohail spent the evening making hay in the sun, putting on 91 before Anwar was caught behind, driving at Batty, for 60.

Anwar again played some wonderful strokes and raced to a 47-ball half-century against the new-ball pair of Shine and van Troost. His 50 came out of a total of 69 and contained nine fours and a murderous pulled six off van Troost, whose three wickets this season have now cost 90 apiece.

Ironically, Somerset's chief tormentor was Mushtaq Ahmed, their overseas player for the past three years, who demonstrated that his county colleagues have far from mastered his subtle arts. He dismissed five of them for 36 runs in 13 overs, bamboozled more and executed a sharp run-out from square leg to break one of Somerset's two stands of substance.

But what Mushtaq took with one hand he had already given back with the other. During the lunch interval, amid much ceremony, he signed a contract that will keep him at Taunton until the moratorium on overseas players begins, in 1999.

Waqar Younis, who formed the other half of a formidable bowling combination, accounted for the remaining four Somerset victims. Lathwell had barely scraped his guard before he spooned a return catch and although Waqar's other wickets were those of two tailenders, he "froze" Lee, who, in his immobility, took a blow on the left hand and retired to the local casualty department, which cleared him of any broken bones.

Only Bowler, who batted 156 minutes for a well-crafted 68, played Mushtaq and Waqar with confidence. He put on 67 with Trescothick and 48 with Ecclestone, whose run out in the over after tea started a collapse that saw six wickets, and Lee, depart in 11 overs. Bowler followed Ecclestone within three overs, caught in the deep off a top-edged sweep.

Kent batsmen let slip solid platform

BY IVO TENNANT

MAIDSTONE (First day of four; Kent won toss): Durham, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 352 runs behind Kent.

FOR Kent, a visit from Durham is awaited with much the same relish as when Glamorgan came to the Mote or to Canterbury 15 or so years ago. It is a fixture they expect to win, especially if, as now, they are in contention for the county championship. Hence their total of 363 in favourable batting conditions yesterday was something of a disappointment.

True, they gained maximum batting bonus points. Yet several batsmen, notably Ward, Hooper and Llong, all got themselves out after making half-centuries against an attack over-reliant on Brown. The leading wicket-taker in the country, he took his tally to 46 with five more. Hooper, in particular, gave the impression of toying with Durham's attack and, finding it less than challenging, lost his wicket through a lack of concentration.

One shot, a straight drive for six off Brown, was as effortless a piece of timing as one could wish to see. There were seven fours besides. He had only just cleared square leg's head with one pull when Wood promptly dropped another ball short and had him caught in that very position. A trick, perhaps, that the bowler picked up from watching Ian Botham.

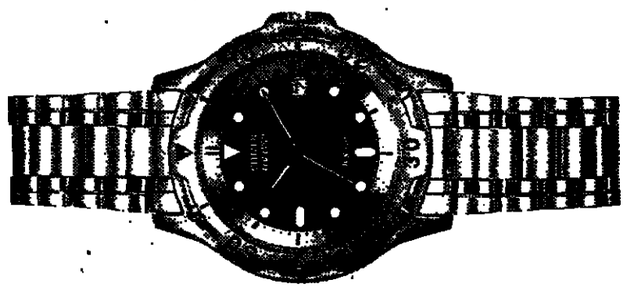
There was a half-century, too, for Fulton, who has the opportunity, in Benson's absence, to show that he can open Kent's batting for years to come. Fleming went to the first ball he received, leg before to Brown, but Ward drove and pulled in his customary uninhibited way before he sliced a drive to point.

Cowdrey was taken at the wicket, Brown's natural slant across the right-hander inducing an edge. After that, Llong worked the ball around the wicket, collecting five fours and lifting Cox for six in his half-century. He was out through treading on his wicket, umpire Plews at square leg quick to notice the dislodged bail. That Kent gained a fourth batting point owed much to Headley and Stanford, who put on 48 for the last wicket, batting eminently sensibly.

Even in the absence of Ealham, Kent possessed batting in depth. Headley, for instance, would go in a place or two higher up the order with some other counties. He then took the new ball when Durham's innings began in indifferent light, but without joy. On a day of black clouds when the wind was strong enough to knock numbers off an ancient scoreboard, not one over was lost to rain.



Llong: half-century



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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series

Somerset v Pakistanis

TAUNTON (second day of three): the Pakistanis, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 248 runs ahead of Somerset

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

*Aamir Sohail c Turner b Shine	0
Saeed Anwar b Lee	130
Shahid Anwar lbw b Shine	21
Asif Mujtaba lbw b Lee	54
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Turner b Lee	4
Shadab Kabir not out	21
†Rashid Latif c Lathwell b Parsons	38
Mushtaq Ahmed c Bishop b Lee	12
Waqar Younis not out	0
Extras (b 4, w 4, nb 12)	20
Total (7 wkts dec)	300

Aqa-un-Rehman and Mohammad Akram did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-51, 3-208, 4-214, 5-223, 6-278, 7-300.

BOWLING: Shine 15-0-77-2; Lee 21-4-65-4, van Troost 10-1-41-0; Batty 26-7-60-0; Parsons 5-1-24-1; Bishop 7-0-29-0.

Second Innings

*Aamir Sohail not out	28
Saeed Anwar c Turner b Batty	60
Shahid Anwar not out	8
Extras (lb 1, nb 10)	11
Total (1 wkt)	107

FALL OF WICKET: 1-91.

BOWLING: van Troost 5-0-35-0; Shine 6-0-33-0, Batty 8-1-25-1; Lathwell 6-0-13-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c and b Waqar	0
*P D Bowler c Mohammad b Mushtaq	68
M E Trescothick c Shadab b Mushtaq	27
K A Parsons c Aamir b Mushtaq	0
S C Ecclestone run out	18
S Lee retired hurt	0
†R J Turner c Mujtaba b Mushtaq	14
J D Batty b Waqar	0
K J Shine not out	19
A P van Troost st Latif b Mushtaq	0
I E Bishop lbw b Waqar	2
Extras (b 8, lb 1, nb 2)	11
Total	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-67, 3-73, 4-121, 5-125, 6-132, 7-144, 8-144, 9-159

BOWLING: Waqar 15.1-0-59-3; Aqa-un-Rehman 6-1-24-0; Mohammad 6-0-31-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 13-5-36-5

Umpires: V A Holder and D R Shepherd.

Tour match

Yorkshire v South Africa A

HEADINGLEY (second day of three): South Africa A, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 310 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath c Telemachus b Schultz	3
*D Byas lbw b Telemachus	16
C White b Adams	77
†R J Blakey lbw b Kluesner	64
R A Kettleborough c Kallis b Kluesner	0
S Parker c Liebenberg b Adams	59
A C Morris c Pathraman b Telemachus	33
A G Wharf b Kluesner	10
G M Hamilton c Koenig b Adams	1
R D Stemp not out	22
M J Hoggard b Adams	10
Extras (b 6, w 4, nb 28)	38
Total	331

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-24, 3-147, 4-159, 5-193, 6-248, 7-270, 8-275, 9-314

BOWLING: Schultz 15-1-53-1; Telemachus 11-1-54-2; Kallis 15-3-45-0; Kluesner 17-2-57-3; Adams 23-4-116-4.

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

S G Koenig c Byas b Hamilton	11
G F J Liebenberg not out	8
J H Kallis lbw b Hamilton	0
R Telemachus lbw b Stemp	8
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts)	21

*J B Commins, H H Gibbs, L Klusener, †S J Pathraman, H D Ackerman, B N Schultz and P R Adams to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-20, 3-21.

BOWLING: Hamilton 5-1-11-2; Hoggard 3-0-8-0; Stemp 1.5-1-0-1.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P Willey.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Gloucestershire v Glamorgan

BRISTOL (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss). Glamorgan have scored 233 for no wicket against Gloucestershire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James not out	114
H Morris not out	103
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 14)	16
Total (no wkt, 72 overs)	233

A W Evans, *M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, R D B Croft, †A D Shaw, O T Parkin, N M Kendrick and S L Watkin to bat.

BOWLING: Walsh 13-4-31-0; Smith 14-2-51-0; Lewis 13-3-47-0; Alleyne 9-2-33-0; Bell 17-6-31-0; Symonds 6-0-36-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: A J Wright, R J Dawson, R J Cunliffe, T H C Hancock, M W Alleyne, A Symonds, †R C J Williams, M C J Ball, A M Smith, *C A Walsh, J Lewis.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 0 Glamorgan 1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Hampshire.

Kent v Durham

MAIDSTONE (first day of four; Kent won toss). Durham, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 352 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Wood b Brown	64
M V Fleming lbw b Brown	0
T R Ward c Betts b Wood	50
C L Hooper c Bainbridge b Wood	66
G R Cowdrey c Ligertwood b Brown	9
N J Llong hit wicket b Brown	64
*†S A Marsh c Campbell b Bainbridge	42
M J McCague c and b Bainbridge	0
D W Headley c Hutton b Wood	37
N W Preston c Wood b Brown	2
E J Stanford not out	10
Extras (lb 14, w 1, nb 4)	19
Total (95.3 overs)	363

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-109, 3-156, 4-187, 5-213, 6-308, 7-310, 8-312, 9-315.

BOWLING: Brown 23-1-76-5; Betts 20-6-58-0, Wood 19.3-5-79-3; Bainbridge 18-3-54-2; Cox 15-1-83-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

S L Campbell not out	2
S Hutton not out	7
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (no wkt, 7 overs)	11

J E Morris, P Bainbridge, *M A Roseberry, D A Blenkiron, †D G C Ligertwood, M M Betts, S J E Brown, D M Cox and J Wood to bat.

BOWLING: McCague 4-1-8-0; Headley 3-2-3-0.

Bonus points: Kent 4 Durham 4.

Umpires: N T Plews and R Palmer.

Lancashire v Worcestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Lancashire have scored 17 for no wicket against Worcestershire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian not out	12
S P Titchard not out	5
Total (no wkt, 5.4 overs)	17

N J Speak, N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, *M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, S Elworthy, G Chapple and G Keedy to bat

BOWLING: Shenya 3-0-9-0; Ellis 2.4-0-8-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: W P C Weston, T S Curtis, M J Church, *T M Moody, K R Spiring, V S Solanki, †S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, S W K Ellis, A Shenya.

Umpires: H D Bird and A A Jones

Leicestershire v Essex

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 50 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Simmons	30
D D J Robinson b Millns	13
A P Grayson c Simmons b Millns	11
S G Law b Wells	21
*P J Prichard b Parsons	1
R C Irani c Nixon b Parsons	0
†R J Rollins c Simmons b Parsons	38
N F Williams b Millns	8
A P Cowan c Simmons b Millns	25
S J W Andrew b Parsons	6
P M Such not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 4)	10
Total (64 overs)	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-41, 3-65, 4-66, 5-66, 6-94, 7-123, 8-142, 9-157

BOWLING: Millns 20-3-74-4; Parsons 16-8-21-4; Simmons 13-4-14-1, Wells 7-3-19-1; Pierson 8-2-29-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

†V J Wells not out	58
D L Maddy not out	34
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 16)	21
Total (no wkt, 27 overs)	113

B F Smith, P V Simmons, *J J Whitaker, A Habib, †P A Nixon, M T Brimson, G J Parsons, D J Millns and A R K Pierson to bat.

BOWLING: Cowan 4-1-29-0; Williams 9-2-26-0; Andrew 6-2-21-0; Irani 5-1-20-0; Law 3-0-13-0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Essex 0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Surrey v Middlesex

THE OVAL (first day of four, Middlesex won toss), Middlesex have scored 227 for six wickets against Surrey

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes b Julian	5
J C Pooley c Brown b M P Bicknell	2
M R Ramprakash c Kersey b M P Bicknell	80
*M W Gatting b Hollioake	52
J D Carr c Brown b Julian	20
†K R Brown c Hollioake b M P Bicknell	4
J P Hewitt not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 2, nb 42)	47
Total (6 wkts, 69.4 overs)	227

R L Johnson, A R C Fraser, R A Fay and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-16, 3-142, 4-192, 5-200, 6-227

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 21.5-50-3; Julian 12.4-3-62-2; Benjamin 20-5-69-0; Hollioake 15-6-30-1; Pearson 1-0-13-0.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, J D Ratcliffe, *A J Hollioake, Nadeem Shahid, A D Brown, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson, J E Benjamin.

Bonus points: Surrey 2 Middlesex 1.

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead.

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 148 for three wickets against Nottinghamshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*A J Moles c Pollard b Afford	27
N V Knight c Cairns b Bowen	33
†M Burns not out	44
D P Ostler c Pollard b Cairns	9
T L Penney not out	14
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1, nb 14)	21
Total (3 wkts, 52 overs)	148

D R Brown, S M Pollock, N M K Smith, A F Giles, G Welch and G C Small to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-67, 3-108.

BOWLING: Cairns 14-1-51-1; Evans 15-4-28-0; Pick 7-1-15-0; Bowen 8-2-24-1; Afford 8-3-23-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: R T Robinson, P R Pollard, G F Archer, A A Metcalfe, *P Johnson, †L N P Walker, C L Cairns, K P Evans, M N Bowen, R A Pick, J A Afford.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 0 Nottinghamshire 1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K E Palmer.

Sussex v Hampshire

ARUNDEL (second day of four): Sussex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 186 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson c Jarvis b Giddins	5
J S Laney lbw b Jarvis	8
K D James lbw b Giddins	3
R A Smith lbw b Jarvis	21
V P Terry lbw b Lenham	52
†I Keech c Moores b Giddins	104
†A N Aymes c Moores b Law	29
S D Udal lbw b Lewry	18
S M Milburn b Lewry	0
C A Connor c Radford b Law	8
J N B Bovill not out	1
Extras (b 12, lb 8, w 1)	21
Total (166.3 overs)	270

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-13, 3-27, 4-39, 5-175, 6-231, 7-257, 8-257, 9-261

BOWLING: Lewry 17-3-46-2; Giddins 26-5-56-3; Jarvis 23-5-58-2; Law 13.3-3-39-2, Salisbury 14-2-33-0; Lenham 13-1-18-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c Terry b Stephenson	39
T A Radford b Connor	1
*A P Wells not out	38
K Greenfield c Udal b Stephenson	0
P W Jarvis not out	2
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts, 35 overs)	82

N J Lenham, D R Law, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, J D Lewry and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-75, 3-79

BOWLING: Connor 9-3-16-1; Milburn 9-2-25-0; Bovill 6-2-17-0, Stephenson 7-4-14-2; Jarvis 4-2-8-0

Bonus points: Sussex 4 Hampshire 3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A Clarkson.

Keech makes most of rare opportunity

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

MATTHEW KEECH, whose opportunities have been limited since he left Middlesex for Hampshire at the start of the 1994 season, marked his first county championship appearance of the season with his maiden century against Sussex at Arundel.

Hampshire, 39 for four when Keech arrived at the crease, rallied to reach 270, the fifth-wicket partnership of 136 between Keech, who batted 287 minutes for his 104, and Paul Terry (56) hauling the innings back on to an even keel.

With John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, weighing in with the wickets of Bill Athey and Keith Greenfield, Sussex are 82 for three in reply.

The Ganguly-Tendulkar partnership in the Nottingham Test was not the only one to exceed 200. The Glamorgan opening pair, Stephen James and Hugh Morris, put on an unbroken 233 against Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Michael Burns, the Warwickshire reserve wicketkeeper, justified his promotion to No 3 with an unbeaten 44 as the champions scored 148 for three against Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston.

South Africa A made an inauspicious start to their tour against Yorkshire at Headingley, where the championship leaders scored 331, four of their batsmen falling to the unorthodox spin of Paul Adams. In reply, the South Africans stumbled to 21 for three.

□ *Ireland beat the English* National Cricket Association by seven wickets at Pontardulais to win cricket's triple crown for the first time.

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FOOTBALL

Robson signs Ravanelli in £7m coup

BY PETER BALL

THE Premier League becomes more cosmopolitan by the day. Yesterday Fabrizio Ravanelli, the Juventus and Italy striker, joined Middlesbrough for £7 million, and Florin Raducioiu, of Romania, was one of three players to sign for West Ham.

West Ham have now signed five players this week, but even the arrival of Raducioiu for a club record £2.4 million from Español is overshadowed by the addition of Ravanelli to Middlesbrough's increasingly polyglot team, with three Brazilians already at the Riverside Stadium. Indeed Ravanelli's signing is one of the biggest of the summer so far, dwarfing even Chelsea's capture of his compatriots, Vialli and Di Matteo.

Although grey-haired, Ravanelli, who will earn around £1 million a year over his four-year contract, is only 27 and still at the height of his powers. A member of the Italian squad in last month's European Championships, he was in the Juventus team which won the European Cup in May, scoring Juventus's goal before they went on to beat Ajax in a penalty shoot-out.

"I have set him the challenge of helping Middlesbrough win our first major trophy," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said yesterday. "He has left the European champions for that challenge, which shows his hunger for our game. He is one of the best strikers in the world, and is rated as the top Italian striker in *Serie A*."



Ravanelli: earning £1m a year

Two years ago, after the World Cup, Raducioiu, who joins Dumitrescu and Bilic at West Ham to give the East End an Eastern European flavour, would have had a similar billing after playing an important part in Romania's impressive progress to the quarter-finals. He had a poor year in Spain, however, and a quiet Euro 96, campaign, although he still offered Romania's main threat, scoring their only goal.

He joins Paulo Futre at West Ham along with yesterday's rather less dramatic free transfers of Michael Hughes, who has been on loan at Upton Park from Strasbourg for 18 months, and the influential Welsh defender, Mark Bowen, from Norwich.

For once the big clubs' efforts in the transfer market were put in the shade. Rangers also went to Italy, but for a Swedish defender. It was announced in Italy that they have paid Vicenza £2 million for Jonas Bjorklund, a member of the Sweden side which reached the semi-final of the 1994 World Cup.

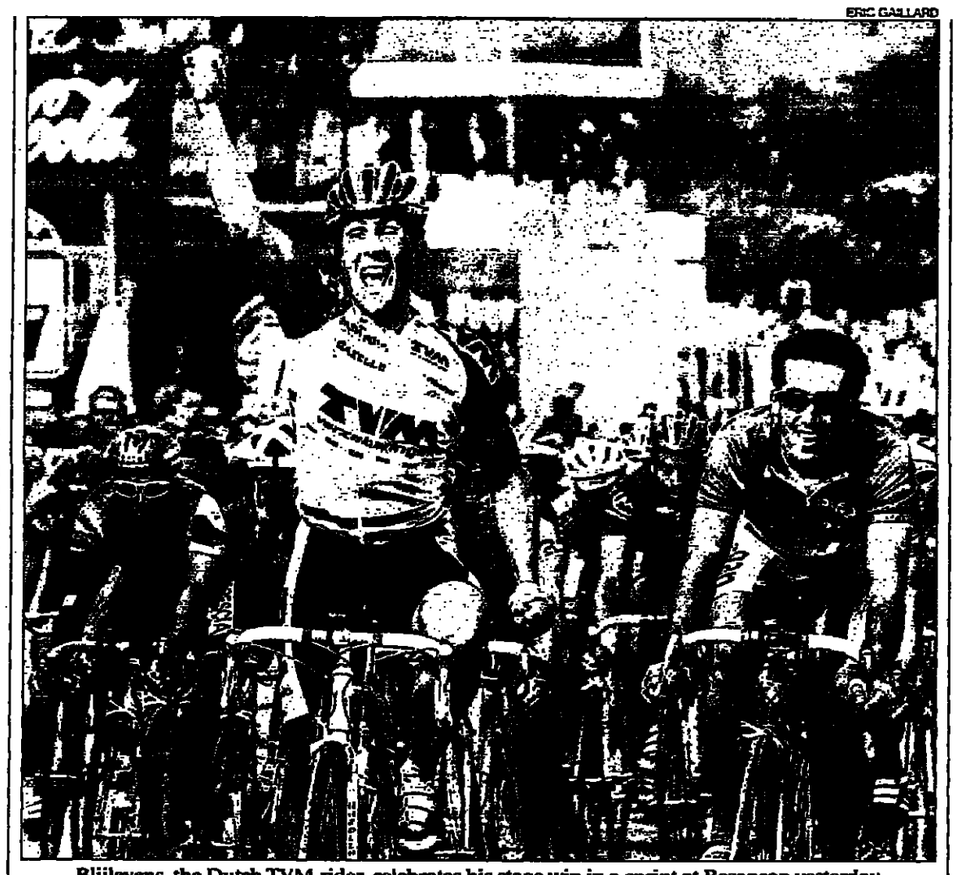
Manchester United were even more low key in their choice, signing the Norwegian defender Ronnie Johnsen for £1.6 million from Besiktas. Paul Parker, 32, United's former England full back, said he hoped to move to Marseilles. The Double winners may recapture the headlines early next week, when they hope to succeed in their £3.6 million bid for Karel Poborski, the Czech Republic winger, who was one of the outstanding successes of Euro 96.

Even Poborski, however, can learn something about outflanking opponents from Joao Havelange. After he was forced to give in to Uefa's demand that the 2002 World Cup was shared between Korea and Japan, the president of Fifa's grip on power was thought to be slipping. Not so.

Yesterday by one vote, the Fifa congress in Zurich gave Africa, Asia and Oceania an extra seat each on the executive committee. This means that Europe can no longer hold a majority in alliance with South America, but now need the support of two regions.

They may find it in CONCACAF, the North and Central American federation, whose position has not been improved. "In the deal making, we got left behind," Alan Rothenberg, the US Soccer Federation president, said.

ERIC GAILLARD



Blijlevens, the Dutch TVM rider, celebrates his stage win in a sprint at Besançon yesterday

Armstrong loses his cool

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

SIX days down, 16 to go and already tempers on the Tour de France are beginning to fray. During another day of driving winds and rainstorms, which put the riders more than an hour behind schedule as they meandered south on the 150-mile fifth stage from Lac de Madine to Besançon, Lance Armstrong, of the Motorola team, and Gilles Bouvard, of Lotto, traded blows after a pile-up in mid-stage.

When the racing finally began, Jeroen Blijlevens, the brightest of a host of young sprinters, made up for his narrow misses on the opening two stages by taking the sprint finish for the TVM team, in the absence of Mario Cipollini, the Saeco rider, who abandoned the race with fever before the start. Stephane Heulot, of Gan, kept the yellow jersey. Ivan Gotti, the Italian climber who finished fifth on the Tour last year, and Jan Svorada were other early retirements.

Fights are not uncommon in professional cycling, but that nerves should be so frayed at this early stage reflects the frustrations of a week lived wheel-to-wheel in treacherous conditions. It was not, however, quite the manner in which the American Motorola team and its talented young leader would have liked to announce their presence on the team's eleventh Tour.

With Max Sciandri, the British Olympic rider, returning to the fold during the winter and Laurent Madouas, of France, who was twelfth on the Tour 12 months ago, recruited from Castorama, Motorola are fashioning a team for all seasons. Sciandri and Armstrong, with three stage wins on the Tour between them, will favour the long, undulating stages between the Alps and the Pyrenees, while Madouas has proved himself one of the most effective climbers of the season.

Jim Ochowicz, the Motorola team manager, has high hopes for the Frenchman, who finished a highly creditable eighth, 8min 24sec behind Miguel Indurain, in the Dauphiné Libéré race last month. "Laurent is looking very good. He did well in the Dauphiné and, with a bit of luck, could be an outside bet to be on the podium in Paris," he said.

Stage wins remain the team's objective, while Armstrong, still only 24, completes his transformation into a serious contender for overall honours. For a day, too, the minds of the team will be occupied by thoughts of Fabio Casartelli, their young teammate, who died on the descent from the Col de Portet d'Aspet in the Pyrenees on July 18 last year.

The route of the Tour this year does not pass close enough for the riders to pay their respects at the monument erected by Motorola on the spot where the young Italian died, but a win on the eighteenth stage, from Pamplona to Hendaye, would be the best way to mark the anniversary.

TOUR DETAILS

FIFTH STAGE (242km, Lac de Madine to Besançon): 1, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM) 6hr 55min 53sec; 2, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN); 3, E Zabel (Ger, Deutsche Telekom); 4, M Traversoni (It, Carrera); 5, D Abdoujaparov (Uzb, Refin); 6, A Ferrigato (It, Roslotto); 7, F Baldato (It, MG Technogym), 8, C Camin (It, Brescialat; 9, N Minali (It, Gewiss); 10, Z Spruch (Pol, Panaria); 11, A Przks (Lit, Rabobank); 12, A Tchmil (Ukr, Lotto); 13, E Magnien (Fr, Festina); 14, F Simon (Fr, GAN); 15, L van Bon (Holl, Rabobank), 70, C Boardman (GB, GAN); 145, M Sciandri (GB, Motorola) all same time. Overall positions: 1, S Heulot (Fr, Gan) 29hr 49min 48sec; 2, M Pezoll (It, Brescialat) at 20sec; 3, C Saugrain (Fr, Aubervilliers) 34; 4, R Jaermann (Switz, MG-Technogym) same time; 5, D Nelissen (Holl, Rabobank) 1min 35sec; 6, Moncassin 3'32; 7, A Zölle (Switz, ONCE) 4:05; 8, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) 4'06; 9, A Olano (Sp, Mapei) 4:12; 10, B Riis (Den, Telekom) 4 16; 11, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 4:17; 12, L Jalabert (Fr, Once) 4:20; 13, Boardman 4:22; 14, T Rominger (Switz) Mapei 4:24; 15, M Mauri (Sp) Once 4:26; 70, Sciandri 5'12.
TODAY: Sixth stage (Arc-et-Senan to Aix-les-Bains, 207km).

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At Southport
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August 29 v Somerset
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At Lord's
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At Northampton
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August 22 v Surrey
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TOMORROW: ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS

CRICKET

Sutcliffe's spell rings false alarm

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Cambridge University

SIX balls from Iain Sutcliffe, who purveys his twirly mysteries so infrequently that he had bowled only three overs previously this season, gave Oxford a brief glimpse of victory at Lord's yesterday.

His removal of House and Jones, without cost, rendered Cambridge vulnerable. Only four wickets remained and there were 19 overs to be bowled. That a maiden first-class 50, from Haste, should deny them was appropriate enough. Especially well as Oxford batted in this match, neither side had the bowling to force a win.

Cambridge never looked like achieving much more than a token dart at a target of 413, although Cake and Smith batted well in their opening partnership of 86. Singh and House then scored freely from a threadbare attack and they added 36 between a couple of sharp showers which cost 13 overs before Singh, who will captain Cambridge next year (Wagh will lead Oxford), was taken at cover.

Once Whittall had been caught on the boundary and Sutcliffe removed after a half-century made from 67 balls, the name of the game was survival.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 513 for 6 dec (A C Ridley 155, W S Kendall 145 not out, C M Gupte 80, I J Sutcliffe 55)

Second Innings

†J N Batty not out	30
H S Malik not out	19
Extras (b 7, lb 3, nb 4)	14
Total (no wkt dec)	63

BOWLING: Haste 5-5-0-35-0; Singh 3-0-13-0; Whittall 2-1-5-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 164 for 3 dec

Second Innings

*R O Cake run out	33
E T Smith lbw b Thomson	50
A Singh c Malik b Thomson	45
W J House c Khan b Sutcliffe	54
A R Whittall c Malik b Wagh	1
R O Jones lbw b Sutcliffe	8
P J Deakin not out	14
N J Haste not out	51
Extras (b 6, lb 4, w 5)	15
Total (8 wkts)	271

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-87, 3-172, 4-173, 5-198, 6-203.

BOWLING: Mackay 8-1-30-0; du Preez 10-3-33-0; Malik 14-0-50-0; Thomson 19-0-68-2; Wagh 13-0-37-1; Sutcliffe 5-1-21-2, Khan 2-0-15-0; Ridley 1-0-3-0; Gupte 1-0-4-0

Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons

IN BRIEF

McRae out of the reckoning

COLIN McRAE, the world rally champion, crashed out of the Argentine Rally after taking an early lead yesterday and left Tommi Makinen, of Finland, with a big opportunity of consolidating his advantage in this year's title race.

McRae, from Scotland, rolled his Subaru Impreza during the sixth of the day's 13 stages after his mechanics had replaced a key part of the chassis damaged when he hit a rock earlier in the day. He escaped unhurt.

Makinen, driving a Mitsubishi Lancer, hit the front during the fifth stage when the leader, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, broke part of his Ford's transmission. Sainz lost 90 seconds and was fourth after six special stages.

☐ **CRICKET:** New Zealand were 92 for two in reply to England's first-innings total of 276 at the end of the second day of the second women's Test match at Worcester. Debbie Hockley was 49 not out, but Kirsty Flavell, scorer of a world-record 204 in the first Test, was dismissed for 34.

Sue Metcalfe (66) and Jane Smit 69 were the leading scorers for England, who were 146 for five at the start of play on another rain-interrupted day.

☐ **SPEEDWAY:** Gary Havelock, the England captain, could be sidelined for six weeks with a fractured bone in his back after crashing during England's 48-48 draw with Australia in the second international at Poole on Wednesday night.

☐ **SHOOTING:** Laura Elsworth, 23, from Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, won the Nordic women's sport pistol championship at Vingsted, Denmark, with a score of 677.7, two points in front of Lisbeth Johansson, of Sweden.

☐ **ICE HOCKEY:** Benson and Hedges yesterday renewed their sponsorship of the sport's premier knockout competition for a further three years in a deal worth £750,000.

WORD-WATCHING

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INKHORN
(b) *Inkhorn terms.* A common 16th-century term for pedantic expressions that smell of the lamp ie midnight oil. This was a period of great change in English, when many Latin and French words were coming into the language. See *Love's Labour's Lost.* The inkhorn was a receptacle of horn, wood or metal which pedants and pedagogues carried with them: "I know them that thinke Rhetorique to stande wholie upon darke wordes: and hee that can catch an yuke horne terme by the taile him they coumpt to be a fine Englishman."

KERMESSE
(a) Or *Kermis* or *Kirmess.* Originally the *Kirkmass* or church mass held in most towns of the Low Countries on the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church. It was accompanied by processions, and by feasting, and sports and games often of a somewhat riotous nature. It still survives essentially as a fair.

BONEY
(a) "If you aren't a good boy Boney will catch you," was an old threat from a children's nanny or harassed parent. Boney being Napoleon Bonaparte, whose threatened invasion of England was a real scare in the early years of the 19th century.

PYRAMUS
(c) A Babylonian youth in classic story (See Ovid *Metamorphoses* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*). Lover of Thisbe. Thisbe was to meet him at the white mulberry-tree near the tomb of Ninus, but she, scared by a lion, fled and left her veil, which the lion smeared with blood. Pyramus, thinking his lover was dead, killed himself. So when Thisbe came back, she stabbed herself too. The blood of the lovers stained the white fruit of the mulberry-tree into its present colour. Shakespeare's version is a jolly travesty.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 ... Rb6+ 2 Ka1 Qb2+! 3 Qxb2 cxb2+ 4 Kb1 Na3 checkmate

TENNIS: SAMPRAS FAILS TO FIND INSPIRATION AND FINALLY RELEASES HIS HOLD ON MEN'S SINGLES CROWN AT WIMBLEDON

Bold Krajicek quick to seal champion's fate

By Alix Ramsay

AFTER two days of frustration and a seven-hour wait to get on court yesterday, Pete Sampras could stretch the final moments of his reign on Centre Court to just 22 minutes. It was his first defeat at Wimbledon in 26 matches. Three times the champion, Sampras was sent packing by Richard Krajicek, losing 7-5, 7-6, 6-4.

After another miserable day of rain and sunshine and play and delays, they had resumed their quarter-final at 1-1 in the third set. There was no doubt as to Sampras's ability to turn things around, the biggest question was whether Krajicek could keep the fire alive overnight and find the same belief that had brushed his opponent aside on Wednesday. Krajicek provided the answer within minutes.

Sampras had appeared to know his days were numbered the night before. Shaking his head as passing shots and service returns whistled beyond his flailing reach, he admitted that "I felt as if I could be bounced out of Wimbledon very quickly". Trying his luck again yesterday, he found no change in the situation. A backhand down the line, a ferocious forehand return and Sampras was having to work to stay level. When Krajicek followed that up with two aces to hold his own service for 2-2, Sampras could read the signs.

"I just ran into a player who played very hot and you have to accept it sometimes," he said. "But it's tough to swallow. I was a little bit down with what happened in the second set. If I had won that it could have been different."

The backhand — allegedly Krajicek's weaker side — was the key as the minutes ticked by. Serving at 3-3, Sampras was outwitted by a cross-court pass that gave Krajicek break point and then broken by a backhand belter down the line. And that was that. Sampras never stood a chance against the Krajicek service, managing to take just two points from it in the last eight games, and as Krajicek thundered down another two aces to serve out the match, Sampras's dream of another title was over.

"Today and yesterday I could see by his body language that he was slick, he was loose," Sampras said. "I was more uptight, I felt the pressure more than he did and he had nothing to lose. It is frustrating with the rain delays, to play six or seven games and then go back, but it's the same for both guys and he handled it better."

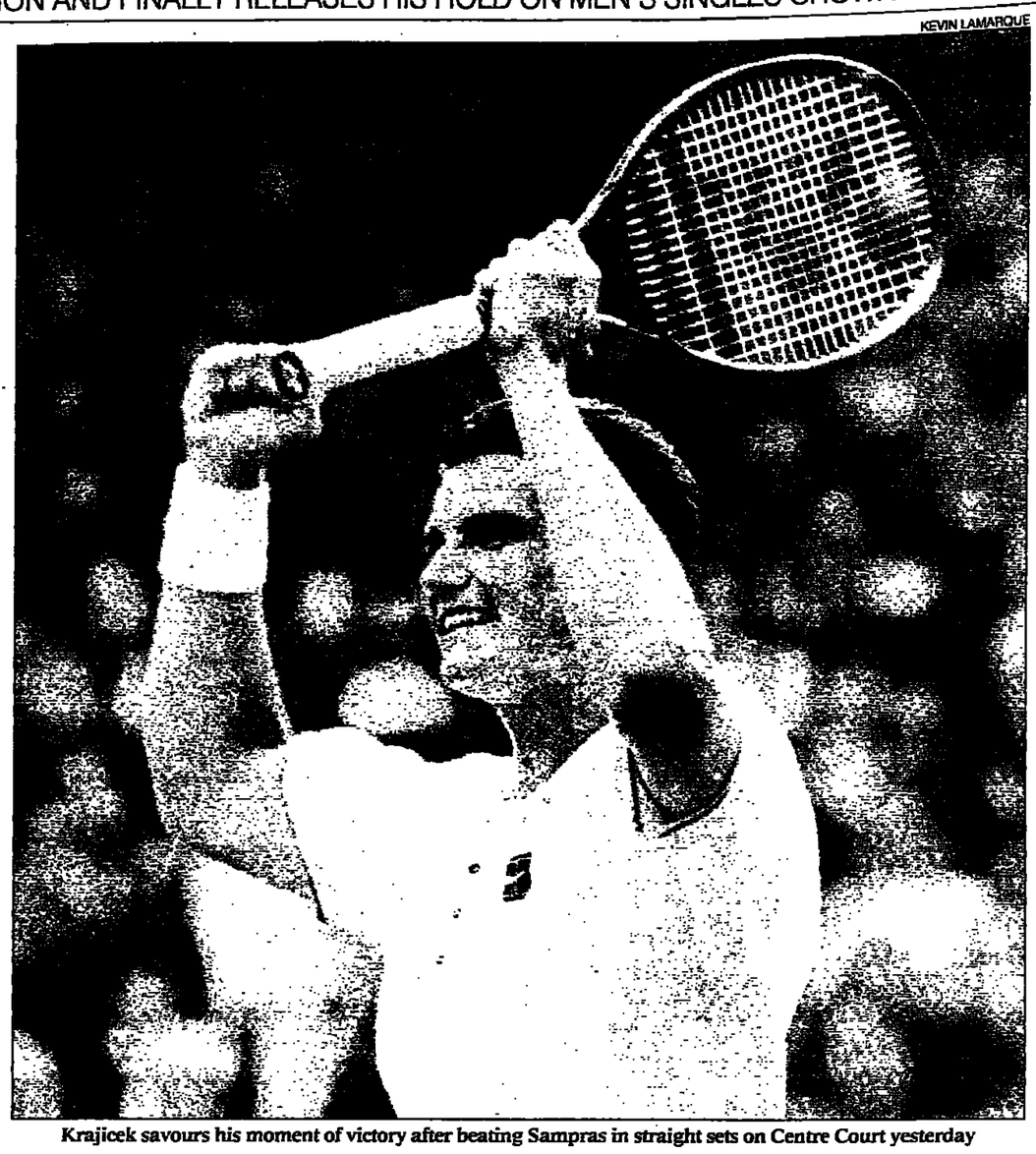
Krajicek said: "Today I really had the feeling I could beat him and I really felt the favourite, so I was on my toes the whole time. I think these two days I was just the better player."

It was a feeling MaliVai Washington had too, when he got the chance to play some tennis in between the rain delays. He eventually managed to beat Alex Radulescu 6-7, 7-6, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, having spent most of the day about it. They started at 11am and finished in the early evening. It was not the prettiest of matches to watch, nor the best tempered, with both men becoming increasingly irritated by the five-minute flurries of drizzle that would send them scurrying inside for another hour.

Radulescu had claimed that his first Wimbledon was like being in a dream as he made his way to the quarter-finals. Yesterday it became something of a nightmare, his erratic performance giving Washington the chance he needed. Pumping down ace after double-fault and racing into the net with the game plan of "if I see the ball, I'll hit it", he was finally out-manoeuvred by the more patient and more experienced American.

Goran Ivanisevic thought he was the luckiest of men late on Wednesday night. Just one game away from defeat, the heavens opened, allowing him time to replan his strategy against Jason Stoltenberg. By the time they were back on court, the moody Croatian had at last mastered his temper and won the third set tie-break to put himself back in contention.

But, even though he had missed his chance — and a match point — the night before, it was Stoltenberg who held his nerve last night. Toe to toe until the tie-break, Stoltenberg allowed Ivanisevic just three points in the decider, and one of those on a Stoltenberg double-fault, to win 6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 and go through to meet Krajicek.



KEVIN LAMARQUE

Krajicek savours his moment of victory after beating Sampras in straight sets on Centre Court yesterday



A forlorn Sampras approaches the end of his three-year reign as Wimbledon champion

McGrath flounders out of her depth

By Simon Barnes

IT IS called the bends; and some athletes are more prone to it than others. Some seem totally immune to it; perhaps (in tennis at least) women are more prone to it than men. That is certainly how it seemed at Wimbledon last night.

They emerge from the unseeded depths, and by force of circumstance, failures of others, good fortune and their own ability to seize the moment, they go shooting up into the fresh air and sunlight of the surface world.

And it is too much for them: the internal controls collapse. Their blood fizzes with fear, they lose every vestige of control, and all that remains is to carry them out as discreetly as possible for decompression.

That is what happend to poor Meredith McGrath, as she took on Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in the first semi-final last night. The score was 6-2, 6-1, the Spaniard, merely masterful at the start, was quite overwhelming by the end.

McGrath, an American resident in Switzerland, arrived on court with one leg apparently mummified. It was completely shrouded in tape, and it looked as if flexing it was more or less impossible. She came out to do her best: but right from the start, she did so with resignation writ large upon her.

At least she showed us that she has the most stylish second-ball knicker-tuck in tennis, and that she can certainly volley. Light, slim and athletic, her game depends on her ability to run about a lot, and that made playing one of the best players in the world on one leg a distinctly tough assignment. She needed to have the doctor to come and treat her in the second set.

Strictly speaking, you are not allowed to have treatment on an old injury, and really, 350 yards of plaster did hint that there was something already amiss.

But McGrath had at least the pluck and the desire to carry on, so we all turned a blind eye to that, especially as she did not win another game. Sánchez Vicario treated her with the indifferent viciousness of the mighty: mix the drop-shots and the lobs until it is time to punch the air, pack up and go home.

It has been intriguing to see so many surprises at this increasingly eccentric Wimbledon, and it is particularly cheering to see surprises in the women's side. McGrath, something of a Chris Lewis figure, has rather specialised in being injured: she took some chances in the past ten days and good luck to her.

But there comes a time, too often, when such aspirants look merely pathetic, and that, alas, was what happened to McGrath. Even courage can be embarrassing. As for Sánchez Vicario, I have seldom seen her so bouncy. And when Arantxa, bouncy even in repose, gets a real bounce going it is time that even the mighty think about ducking.

McGrath would have loved to have ducked: a chance would be a fine thing. Instead she got an absolute walloping. I wonder if Arantxa can keep the bounce going into the final. That would be interesting.

Sunday finish looks remote

ALAN MILLS, the Wimbledon referee, yesterday admitted the Championships may not be able to finish on Sunday as scheduled with rain expected on each of the next four days.

"We are 125 matches behind compared with this time last year, and with the weather forecast bad we have problems," Mills said. "At this stage of the Championships in a normal year we would expect to be using only 10 or 11 courts, but we will be using all 18 today.

"We have 87 matches scheduled today compared to 50 to 60 normally, so we hope to catch up a little. But it will depend on whether we have more rain."

Mills said: "We are almost up to schedule in the singles but well behind in the doubles and junior events. I'm told to expect showers today and on each of the next two days, which could cause us a few problems. We must wait and see."

Luke Milligan, Britain's other Wimbledon hero, has been called up to join Tim Henman in the Davis Cup team which meets Ghana in a Euro-Africa group two second round match in Accra next week.

Milligan, 19, from North London, who reached the third round at Wimbledon after beating Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, and Nicolas Lapentti, of Ecuador, comes into the five-man British squad in place of injured Greg Rusedski.

David Lloyd, the Davis Cup captain, handed Milligan his chance yesterday after talking to Milligan and his coach, Nigel Sears, but will still also take Nick Gould, originally named as the team's first reserve.

"It is a five-man team as I want to keep my options open for as long as possible," Lloyd said. "You can never tell what problems there could be in an away match like this." Milligan must immediately start a course of inoculations if he is to fly out on Sunday.

Rusedski, Britain's No 2, finally gave up any hope of making the team late on Wednesday night. The hip injury which almost put him out of Wimbledon and must have had much to do with his failure to progress beyond the second round is still giving him problems. He will now concentrate on regaining full fitness in time for the Olympic Games in Atlanta later this month.

RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles
Winner: £392,500
Runner-up: £196,250
Holder: P Sampras (US)
Quarter-finals
R KRAJICEK (Holl) bt P SAMPRAS (US) 7-5, 7-6, 6-4
T MARTIN (US) bt T Henman (GB) 7-6, 7-6, 6-4
J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt G IVANISEVIC (Cro) 6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6
M Washington (US) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-7, 7-6, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4

Women's singles
Winner: £353,000
Runner-up: £176,500
Holder: S Graf (Ger)
Semi-final
A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt M J McGRATH (US) 6-2, 6-1

Men's doubles
Winners: £160,810
Runners-up: £80,400
Holders: T A Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus)
Quarter-finals
T A WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt J BJORKMAN and N KULTI (Swe) 7-6, 6-2, 6-3
B BLACK (Zim) and G CONNELL (Can) bt B MacPhie (US) and M Tebbutt (Aus) 7-5, 5-4, 7-6
E FERREIRA (SA) and J Siemerink (Holl) bt J P Fleurian and G Raoux (Fr) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1, 6-3

Women's doubles
Winners: £139,040
Runners-up: £69,300
Holders: J Novotna (Cz) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp)
Third round
K M ADAMS (US) and M DE SWARDT (SA) bt R Nideffer (SA) and P H Shriver (US) 6-1, 6-4
M HINGIS (Switz) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt C MARTINEZ (Sp) and P Tarabini (Arg) 7-6, 6-0
M McGRATH (US) and L NEILAND (Lat) lead A DECHAUME-BALLERET and S TESTUD (Fr) 2-1
L A DAVENPORT and M J FERNANDEZ (US) bt W Probst and C Singer (Ger) 6-2, 6-2
K BOOGERT (Holl) and I SPIRLEA (Rom) lead J NOVOTNA (Cz) and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 1-0

Mixed doubles
Winners: £63,280
Runners-up: £34,140
Holders: J Stark (US) and M Navratilova (US)
Second round
J STARK and M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt K Kinnear (US) and N Miyagi (Japan) 7-5, 7-6
M KEIL and L M McNEIL bt P Nyborg and M Strandlund (Swe) 6-4, 7-6

Men's Over-35 doubles
Winners: £13,250
Runners-up: £10,500
Holders: P McNamara (Aus) and L Shiras (US)
First round
A Amritraj and V Amritraj (India) bt H Guenthardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hun) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

Men's Over-45 doubles
Winners: £10,500
Runners-up: £8,250
Holders: J D Newcombe and A D Roche (Aus)
Quarter-final
R A J Hewitt (SA) and F D McMillan (SA) bt K R Rosewall and F S Stolle (Aus) 6-4, 6-4
J G Alexander and P C Dent (Aus) bt O K Davidson (Aus) and E C Drysdale (SA) 6-2, 7-5

Women's Over-35 doubles
Winners: £9,400
Runners-up: £7,200
Holders: W M Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB)
Round robin
M Jausovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) bt W M Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB) 1-6, 6-2, 9-7
H Gourlay and G E Reid (Aus) w/o B Nagelsen and J C Russell (US) scr

Boys' singles
Holder: O Mutis (Fr)
Second round

Girls' singles
Holder: A Olsza (Pol)
Second round
M Jeon (S Kor) bt A Tordoff (GB) 6-2, 6-3
E Roubanova (GB) bt J Schonfeldova (Cz) 6-2, 0-6 8-6
A Janes (GB) bt S Klemova (Cz) 6-2, 6-1

IAN STEWART



Martin delivers another forehand return on his way to beating Henman in straight sets. Report: page 48

FIXTURES

CRICKET
Third Cornhill Test match
11.0, second day of five, 90 overs minimum
TRENT BRIDGE: England v India
Tetley's Challenge Series
11.0, final day of three
TAUNTON: Somerset v Pakistanis
Tour match
11.0, final day of three
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v South Africa A
Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Durham
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Worcestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Essex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Middlesex
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
ARUNDEL: Sussex v Hampshire
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day) Monmouth School: Glamorgan v Hampshire, Ormston, Lancashire v Derbyshire, Hove: Sussex v MCC Young Cricketers, Bromsgrove CC: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

RUGBY LEAGUE
kick-off 7.30
Stones Super League
Bradford Bulls v St Helens
Wigan v Castleford Tigers

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: British Isles outdoor championships and international series (Belfast)
GOLF: Murphy's Irish Open (Druids Glen, Co Wicklow).
ROWING: Henley Royal Regatta (Henley).
TENNIS: All England championships (at Wimbledon).

HOCKEY

Great Britain finish their build-up in style

CALUM GILES scored three goals from short corners as Great Britain men's hockey team completed their training programme for the Olympic Games with a 7-1 victory over Italy at Bisham Abbey yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

Giles made his first two conversions with flick shots into the net in the thirteenth and twentieth minutes, with Laslett adding the third goal four minutes later from open play.

Italy had but one chance late in the first half from a short corner when a scoop shot by the centre forward, Cirrilli, was easily saved by Luckes in goal. Giles then scored his third goal to send Britain into the interval leading 4-0.

Mason replaced Luckes in goal for the second half, and after four minutes Italy hit back with a goal by Cirrilli, who had combined well with the outside right Bertini. But there was little the Italians could do to check the flow of Britain's attacks and further goals followed by Garcia from a penalty stroke, Hall and Garcia from open play. All sixteen members of the British squad were given a workout including Giles, who was pulled away from the bench to join in the attack.

The team leaves on Sunday to acclimatise in Trinidad before arriving in Atlanta for the first match in the Olympic Games against South Korea on July 21.

Yesterday's big victory should boost Great Britain's confidence and the players seemed to have recovered from the fatigue which was visible at the end of the last tournament in Amsterdam. But they face tough opposition in Atlanta in Pool B where, apart from South Korea, they have to get past Australia and Holland to have any hope of qualifying for the semi-finals.

BOWLS

Scotland end 16-year wait for team title

SCOTLAND, who last won the British team title in 1980, regained the News of the World Trophy when they beat the Channel Islands 139-93 on the Ulster Transport Green, Jordanston, Northern Ireland, yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Five Scottish rinks returned winning cards, while David Le Marquand provided the Channel Islanders' only bright spot when he beat Willie Wood, 25-18.

The result surprised no one, but yesterday's other fixture, at Carrickfergus, saw the shock of the championships — a 141-84 defeat of Wales, the holders, by Ireland. Jeremy Henry and Sammy Allen, the world outdoor pairs champions, teamed up at the back end of one Irish rink and returned a 33-5 winning card against Robert Weale's quartet. Ireland meet England for second place today.

CRICKET

Houghton returns to helm

By Our Sports Staff

DAVID HOUGHTON, the Worcestershire coach, has agreed to captain Zimbabwe for a second spell following the surprise resignation of Andy Flower.

Houghton, 39, will lead his country in Sri Lanka, in a home series with England and then in a one-day tournament in South Africa before bowing out of international cricket next March so as to be able to spend more time at home with his wife and three children.

"I just wanted to play as a batsman for the rest of my career without the pressure of captaincy," Houghton, who led Zimbabwe from 1985 to 1993, said. "But there really is nobody else in the team who can take the job on. They are all so young.

"A lot of them were barely born when I made my international debut in 1978. I have agreed to take over for an interim period."

Houghton, who is halfway through a three-year contract with Worcestershire, averages 49 in Test cricket and scored a century against New Zealand on his last appearance in January, despite the handicap of a broken foot, which forced him to miss the World Cup.

The Derbyshire fast-medium bowler, Simon Base, is to leave the county at the end of the season along with the county club's secretary, Reg Taylor, who has announced his retirement.

Base, 36, had two seasons with Glamorgan before he moved to Derbyshire in controversial circumstances in 1988, when the county was fined £2,000 for an alleged illegal approach. He was awarded his county cap in 1990, but made only one first-class appearance last season and has so far played in just one championship match this summer.

Taylor, who will be 63 at the end of the season, has been with Derbyshire for three years and played an important part in helping the club come through a financial crisis.

Hampshire's West Indian all-rounder, Winston Benjamin, is threatening to give up the game unless he can beat a shoulder injury which has stopped him bowling for two months.

Benjamin, 31, has given himself a month to regain full fitness. If he fails, he says he will announce his retirement.

The former Leicestershire all-rounder, who has been playing in limited-overs matches as a batsman only, is refusing to undergo an operation to cure the injury.

"I'm not big on having operations. I don't want my body put through all that just for cricket," he said. "I would not be that disappointed if I had to give up cricket — because I believe there's more to life."

TRIATHLON

Britain's best steer clear of European test

WHILE Hungary prepares to host the elite European triathlon championships for the first time, the validity of the title at stake is being questioned, with many of Europe's best triathletes choosing not to compete (Ian Sweet writes). Britain's two world champions, both previous winners of the title, are amongst those who will not start at Szombathy on Sunday. Simon Lessing is recovering from injury while Spencer Smith refuses to race because of the drafting rule that has not been vigorously enforced in previous championships.

Britain's best chance of a medal over a fast course — comprising a 1.5 kilometre swim, 40 kilometre cycle and ten kilometre run — could come from Sarah Jane-Cox, a former modern pentathlon national champion, who is in her first full year as a professional triathlete.

BOXING

Tyson agrees to meet challenge of Lewis

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

MIKE TYSON has agreed to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight championship against Lennox Lewis. Tyson's promoter, Don King, rang Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, late on Wednesday night to say he was accepting the offer of £30 million that Eliades made last weekend.

Eliades said yesterday that King had asked for Lewis to wait until early next year because Tyson had commitments to meet Bruce Seldon, the World Boxing Association champion, in September and Evander Holyfield after that. Eliades has to let the WBC know today whether Lewis intends to meet Oliver McCall in September.

If he does, Tyson is contractually obliged to relinquish his WBC title this month. However, Eliades intends to ask the world body for a seven-day extension to hold further talks with King. The WBC is almost certain to grant the extension because a successful conclusion of discussions with King will mean that Tyson will be able to hold on to his belt.

The Lewis camp is not happy about having to wait into next year for the Tyson bout, but, if talks were to fail, Lewis could fall back on either meeting Riddick Bowe or McCall in the autumn. For five years, Lewis has pursued Bowe for a showdown, a repeat of their meeting in the final of the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul at superheavyweight, which Lewis won. Each time the American avoided him, Lewis cried "Chicken Bowe" and his manager, Frank Maloney, even hired men dressed as chickens to follow Bowe around and embarrass him when he came to London in 1992.

Now, at long last, the chase is over. Seth Abraham, the head of HBO Sport, the American cable television channel, said yesterday that Bowe says he is ready to take on Lewis — but now it is Bowe who is waiting on Lewis.

Yet, more than anything, Lewis wants to settle scores with McCall, who stopped him in two rounds in 1994, depriving him of the WBC championship, although it could be seen as a case of "Duck Lewis" if the Englishman decides to turn down Bowe and go for McCall, the easier opponent.

The bout with Bowe and its financial package is so much better than anything the McCall contest could offer that it is surprising to find the Lewis camp hesitating over which one to choose. Bowe would receive marginally more than Lewis, but the split is not unfair, for Bowe is generally regarded as the bigger name.

Lewis's money will be at least four times better than the amount he is likely to receive for a contest with McCall. The Bowe deal also gives an automatic rematch to the loser for the same money again. If Lewis wins, the split of the purse would be reversed in the rematch. If Lewis comes out on top after two bouts, he would quickly get the fight with Tyson. Indeed, the public would demand it.

Apart from the money, the McCall contest has a very important drawback. As it is highly unlikely that Lewis would be able to stop McCall, who has a rock solid chin, the bout will almost certainly go the distance. The decision would be left to the judges and that is something that Lewis cannot risk. Too often, judges have seen a bout the other way to the rest of the world.

PETER TREVINOR



Eastern promise: "Sugar" Raj Kumar Sangwan, centre, the first Indian professional heavyweight, will meet Gary Williams at York Hall on Tuesday. Sangwan's compatriots, Venkatesan Devarajan, left, and Dharmendra Singh Yadav also appear on the bill.

RUGBY UNION

Welsh bring an end to domestic dispute

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) announced yesterday the resolution of its long-running dispute with senior clubs which has echoed so closely that in England. From such new-minted unity, however, came another clarion call for equal shares for all participants in the five nations' championship.

There is a sad irony in that the five nations' is under threat at exactly the time when the southern hemisphere has put in place its own championship — in Wellington, tomorrow, New Zealand and Australia will begin the first match of the tri-national tournament, also involving South Africa, which will surely emphasise where world rugby's playing strength lies.

Vernon Pugh, the WRU chairman, has appealed for common sense to prevail in the battle for broadcasting rights to the five nations', which has split the Celtic nations from England. "Losing the five nations' would be a tragedy for all those in the game who cherish its value and tradition," Pugh said.

But his claim to historic value fails to recognise the commercial values which outside interests place on England's participation in any sporting event. He is on stronger ground when he admits the consequences of an unequal relationship would destroy the prospect of Wales, Scotland and Ireland being consistently competitive on the international stage.

Pugh calls into question, on financial grounds, the Anglo-Welsh tournament planned on a two-tier basis for next season and claims that the leading Welsh clubs share the WRU disappointment in an offer from satellite television which puts similar value on English domestic rugby (£22.5 million over five years) as it does on Welsh involvement in international rugby. But the real cause for Welsh concern that their international presence is undervalued lies in the principles agreed with their own clubs, which emphasise the WRU's controlling authority but recognise the need to give top clubs financial support.

Only by doing so can the clubs become the centres of excellence the game requires and the drift of top players away from Wales be halted. "We have put in place good rugby structures for future development," Pugh said. "We have a sense of direction and the will to achieve our objectives."

SPORTS LETTERS

Phoenix rising from ashes

From Mr G. Murray

Sir, Has anyone else encountered the strange sensation that is sweeping the nation: English patriotism? Nothing has given me, as an Australian, more pleasure than to rub in another sporting defeat on my work colleagues. However, recent sporting events have led to a fervour and expectancy across the nation.

I could be cynical and suggest this phenomenon is related to this being a leap year, but, no, readers will witness a rarity: an Aussie complimenting a Pom — or in this case a nation of Poms.

Through the great success of your football heroes, coupled with the cool brilliance of Tim Henman in the early rounds at Wimbledon and not forgetting the motor racing expertise of Damon Hill, your grand-slam-winning rugby union team and the anticipation of gold in Atlanta, great English sporting achievements are no longer a product of a bygone era.

The next thing I'll be told with conviction is that England are going to win the Ashes next year!

Yours etc.,
G. MURRAY,
53 Park South,
Austin Road, SW11.

From Mr A. J. O'Connor

Sir, At the risk of being accused of blasphemy in these euphoric days of Venables veneration might I humbly draw attention to the fact that England never actually won anything during his reign. And before we all get carried away with thoughts of World Cup glory, we should also realise that Glenn Hoddle never actually won anything at Chelsea. Delusion is a dangerous thing.

Respectfully yours,
TONY O'CONNOR,
4 Manor Gardens, Acton, W3.

Adding a line

From Sir Graham Swanwick

Sir, It appears to be common ground that the ultra-fast men's service permitted by the modern tennis racket is allowing this feature to dominate the game unduly.

Has anyone considered the experiment of adding an extra line, say two or three feet behind the baseline and requiring men (but not women) to stand behing the line when delivering service?

The expense and effort involved would be virtually nil, and it would have the double effect of making it harder to keep an express service "in", owing to the flattening of the angle and the increased distance, and of making it more difficult for the serve-and-volleyer to reach the point where he could cut off the return.

The whole effect would be to reduce the benefit to the deliverer of a "cannon-ball" service and thus to prolong the rallies and to enhance the advantage of good and varied ground strokes — all to the benefit of the game and the spectator.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM SWANWICK,
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Steyning,
West Sussex.

Rightful place

From Mr Mark R. Telfer

Sir, That the Derby is the greatest horse race in the world seems to be accepted by all. It is probably right that, were the authorities looking to stage a new event in any way comparable, then Epsom Downs, with its particular features, would be unlikely to be the chosen venue.

It is those features, about which much has been written, combined with the tradition and history, which make the Derby the unique event that it is. We should ensure that so long as the grass grows on Epsom Downs, this remains the case and the event is accorded the status it deserves.

Reverting to the traditional Wednesday would reduce the competition posed by other race meetings and sporting events. It would also be more likely that captains of industry, equally freed from competing weekend domestic duties, would attend. From your reports (June 26, 29) the opportunity of reverting to Wednesday has been lost until, at the earliest, 1998.

My diary shows that the British Isles does not have as many public holidays as some of our continental neighbours. For example, Germany (15), France (11) and Italy (10) all have more than our nine.

If the Government could be persuaded to create a Derby Day public holiday on the first Wednesday in June, this unique race would be accorded its proper profile and, hopefully, assure its future success.

Yours faithfully
MARK R. TELFER,
Days House, Westcot,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Left at home

From Ms Fiona Clark

Sir, I applaud Linford Christie's win at Gateshead and his announcement that he will be competing in the Atlanta Games (report, July 2). It is a great shame that other Olympic contenders are not so fortunate as to be in control of their own selection.

Springboard diving is a minority Olympic sport but that should not stop it from being run professionally. However, following the results of the British diving nationals earlier this summer, historically the selection championships for the Olympic games, it is amazing that Olivia Clark, the winner of the three-metre competition, has not been chosen to represent her country.

Internal politicking between the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) and the Great Britain Diving Federation (GBDF) has meant that Clark will not go to Atlanta, although her American coach has been selected to train the British Olympic team.

It is incredible that a British sportswoman wins a national championship and, in recognition of her achievement, the ASA leaves her at home but invites her coach to take charge of the team.

Yours faithfully,
FIONA CLARK,
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Fulham, SW6.

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As the loan is for more than 75% of the purchase price or valuation of the property, an MGI fee of £765 is payable. For 7.99%, 8.3% APR fixed rate and the 1.64%, 1.6% APR discounted rate, the couple are applying for an Endowment mortgage of £50,000 against a property valued at £62,000 over 25 years (300 months). Initial monthly payment of fixed rate interest would be £334.22 gross, £304.25 net, and for the discounted rate would be £68.33 gross, £62.18 net. For both offers; monthly endowment premium of £85.68 (this includes a £6 premium for Serious Illness Benefit), £17.50 estimated legal fees and £165 valuation fee. The total amount payable for the fixed rate would be £150,963.50 gross. The total amount payable for the discounted rate would be £70,876.50 gross. Fees applicable to all examples; £30 remittance fee, £65 yearling fee payable upon redemption. Valuation fees include £45 mortgage set up fee. 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If the couple simultaneously redeem and complete a new mortgage on a fresh property with National Westminster Home Loans Limited on the same fixed rate terms as the original mortgage at any time prior to the end of 30 June 2002, the charge will be refunded unless the new mortgage is for an amount which is less than the original mortgage. In this case the charge will be apportioned and the calculation will be based on the amount of the original mortgage redeemed. For the discounted rate, the amount we pay back will depend on the value of the couples' new mortgage. If their new mortgage is worth the same amount or more than their old one, we will pay back the full discount. If their new mortgage is worth less than their old one, we will pay back a corresponding percentage of the discount. 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Brewster completes her marathon voyage



Brewster: preparing for welcome in Southampton

Edward Gorman talks to the yachtswoman who has completed one of sailing's epic circumnavigations

SAMANTHA BREWSTER, who yesterday became the first woman to sail round the world single-handedly in a westerly direction, spoke of feeling "numb and dazed" at the prospect of the end of her 247-day voyage as she brought her 67ft steel cutter, *Heath Insured*, up the English Channel in a gale.

Brewster crossed the official finishing line between the Lizard and Ushant just after 3.00pm to complete an historic 28,000-mile marathon. Despite her unfortunate but necessary six-week stopover for repairs at the Brazilian port of Santos, it will stand as a significant sea-going achievement, second only to the epic single-handed passages of Chay Blyth and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

Yesterday, in her first interview since she set sail, she said she would rather be in Timbuktu than face the large reception being planned for her on Monday, when she is due to reach Ocean Village in Southampton, where she will step ashore for the first time since leaving Santos on January 3.

"I'm a bit dazed and I feel kind of numb," she said, as *Heath Insured* ran under auto-pilot before a south-westerly gale under main and stay-sail off the Cornish coast, accompanied by its sister ship, *Heath Insured II*. "It's like I should be jumping up and down, but I haven't got the energy right now. I feel very satisfied and fulfilled."

Brewster, whose voyage has been dogged by gear failures and a dispute between Blyth and her sponsor over Blyth's wish to get his boat back on time, said she had no regrets about her decision not to continue on to finish in Santos, which would have secured her the all-important non-stop westabout record.

"Records were very important when I set out but not any longer," she said. "It is more important for me to feel as if I'd given it my all and my best shot . . . I can honestly say I did the best I could and actually got over a lot more problems than I ever thought I was capable of."

She said her decision not to turn south to Brazil after reaching Cape Finisterre, as required by the official body which monitors sailing records, had nothing to do with Blyth's public intervention, but was a result of her running out of fuel. "The only reason I'm not going to Santos is for safety. It would not be possible to run navigation lights and keep sufficient look-out with radar due to limited fuel. If it were for any other reason, I would not feel as if I had completed the challenge," she said.

Brewster, who wants to continue with competitive sailing after having a rest, said her voyage had been marked by great highs and lows, especially the dreadful moment at the end of November when she started *Heath Insured's* engine to motor into Santos after concluding that she could not continue without repairs to her damaged rig.

"It's great when things are going well or I'm solving a problem, but horrible when something initially goes wrong that I imagine will cause the project to fail," she said. "There were also occasions when it would have been really good to share something wonderful and get a kick out of other's joy as well as my own — like seeing a 2ft-wide turtle, or feeling the burst of speed as the spinnaker fills for the first time."

Brewster said she had no regrets but would have preferred to have been ready a little earlier before the start. She would also have taken more story tapes and books to help pass the endless hours of solitude.

RADIO CHOICE

The all-Asian comedy show

Goodness Gracious Me. *Radio 4. 11pm.*

Radio history is made tonight. It is the first time for British Asians to script and perform a comedy series. The wonder is that it has taken so long to happen. A good time would have been 35 years ago when Peter Sellers, playing an Indian doctor, partnered Sophia Loren in a recorded song bearing the same title as tonight's show. Never mind: it has been done now, and most entertainingly too. There's a clever turning of tables when Bombay pals go out for an "English" meal at a local restaurant and ask to be served only the blandest dishes. I also liked the telephone sex-line call which is about everything but sex, and the two mothers outdoing each other in boasting about their respective sons.

Staging History. *Radio 3. 9.10pm*

Call me a stick-in-the-mud but I have always believed that interval talks such as *Staging History*, which comes between acts 1 and 2 of *Giovanna d'Arco* would be more illuminating if they were motivated by the opera in question. But although the theatre director Adrian Noble, interviewed tonight by Hugh Walters, did not direct Covent Garden's *Giovanna d'Arco*, he does cast light on the different disciplines which opera and theatre impose on a director. I rejoice that Noble shares my view about the wisdom of updating Shakespeare. He is right that our own times are best seen through the window of history.

Peter Davalle

GOLF: GERMAN TAKES LEAD IN IRISH OPEN WITH COURAGEOUS FIRST-ROUND DISPLAY

Langer puts putting problems in perspective

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN NEWTONMOUNTKENNEDY, CO WICKLOW

MEN can be driven by different motives and Bernhard Langer and Colin Montgomerie are. What these Ryder Cup players share, though, is a fierce determination, one that could be described as bordering on a crusade, to play well here at Druids Glen in the Murphy's Irish Open.

Langer seems to have been given a new lease of life since he left the US Open in Detroit three weeks ago, apparently in

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despair at his putting. As if to prove wrong those who thought he was then on the point of quitting, he nearly won the French Open last week and now leads this tournament after a brilliant 67, four under par.

Langer's mood is reminiscent of that after the 1991 Ryder Cup, when he was fired with a determination to redeem himself after missing a putt that would have halved the match. Then Langer shed some tears, set his jaw determinedly as only he can and, one week later, won a tournament in Germany. It was one of the greatest demonstrations of courage seen in modern golf. In his round yesterday, there were glimpses of the same determination as he continued to demonstrate that yet another attack of the yips, which had affected him in the US Open, was not sufficient to weaken his remarkable resolve. Rather the opposite, in fact. Putting well, Langer played while the wind, which occasionally gusted up to 20mph, loitered menacingly and while heavy rain squalls watered Co Wicklow, which is known as the Garden of Ireland.

Langer does not like the narrow fairways in use here, nor the collars of thick, tangly rough that decorate many greens, a practice common at the US Open. "Conditions were very difficult," Langer said. "The fairways are too narrow and you are bound to miss some greens in these conditions. I am not a fan of fringes of grass around the greens like these. I think they take chipping and putting out of the game."

Langer did not allow these likes and dislikes to affect his golf. Though he said he thought the 20-yard-wide 1st fairway was too narrow, he found it from the tee with a long, wind-blown drive, then hit a nine-iron to three feet and got his birdie. And though he claimed he had difficulty in chipping from the green-side grass, there were only two holes on which he got into trouble around the greens.

In his opposition to narrow fairways and rough around greens, conditions that were also evident at the recent English Open, Langer is at odds with Montgomerie. "I think this course is excellent," Montgomerie said. "The more we play like this the better we will become. In my view the skill in the game is to hit the fairway and then the green, so there is no need for chipping at all. I want players punished from the first shot they hit."

The spring in Montgomerie's step is provided by his desire to compensate for missing the cut in the French Open and, considering that his 69, two under par, contained an air shot and two penalty strokes, he was justified in thinking he had done well. The air shot came on a bank on the 13th, the most difficult hole on the course, where he attempted to play the ball from above his feet and his wedge passed right underneath it. The first penalty shot followed when he had to take a drop after hitting his third shot into the water that adjoins the green at this hole.

Then one saw the measure of Montgomerie's caddie. "It would be good to win from here," Alastair McLean said to Montgomerie, who, having started at the 10th, was now three over par. This was just what Montgomerie needed and, after the way he recovered from three wasted shots to close to within two strokes of Langer, it would be no surprise to see the two of them battling it out for this title.

ANDREW REDINGTON/ALLSPORT



Montgomerie plays his tee shot at the 6th hole during the first round of the Murphy's Irish Open yesterday

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Dave Pearce **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30** Jo Whiley, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00am** Annie Nightingale

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Are You Sitting Comfortably? **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** The Thirty-Nine Steps (8/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** A Night In Chichester. *Radio 2 Arts Programme* **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme Incl **6.55**, **7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday with Mair, Incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck with Paul Lewis **1.15** Wimbledon 96 John Inverdale presents coverage of the men's semi-finals from the All England Club Includes news of the second day's play in the Third Test at Trent Bridge, the latest on the Tour de France and at **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Friday Sport. **9.35** Sports Shop, with Adrian Goldberg The consumer magazine programme **10.05** Paper Talk, with Brian Alexander and Phil Murphy **11.00** Night Extra, with David McNeil **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **6.45** Words and Music **6.50** Insider's Guide **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Dance Vibe **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Pick of the World **9.00** News in German **9.15** Music Review **9.45** Poems by Post **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Faith **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Wimbledon **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Farm **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** New Europe **11.45** Sport **12.00** Newsdesk **12.10** Spotlight **12.15** Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Vintage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. With Andrew McGregor. Including Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in G, Op 10 No 6); Raff (Symphony No 4 in G minor); Mozart (Fantasia in F minor); Charminade (Piano Trio No 2 in A minor, Op 34); Britten (The Crocodile); Vaughan Williams (The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains)

9.00 Morning Collection. With Catriona Young. Berlioz (Overture: Roman Carnival); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in D, Op 28, Pastoral); Bach (Magnificat in D)

10.00 Musical Encounters. With Piers Burton-Page. Walmisley (Music, all powerful); Algernon Ashton (Piano Trio in A, Op 88); **10.33** Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52); J. F. Fasch (Sonata in G); **11.02** Trad (El reka e. Tahitian Choir); Anon Spanish (Song of the Sibyl); Verdi (Di tale amor, Il trovatore); **11.33** *Artists of the Week*: Endellion Quartet Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 71 No 1); **11.56** Sullivan (The long day closes)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Berwald. Presented by David Byers (Overture: The Queen of Golconda; Piano Quintet No 1 in C minor; Piano Concerto in D)

1.00pm Chamber Music: from York. From the Church of the Holy Redeemer, introduced by Rodney Stalford Pavlo Beznosiuk, violin; Richard Tunnicliffe, cello, Leo van Doeselaar, fortepiano Haydn (Piano Trios, in C, H XV 27, in E, H XV 28; in E flat, H XV 30)

2.00 The New Europe: City of London Sinfonia. Kraus (Overture: Olympia); Gruber (Violin Concerto No 2, Nebelsteinmusik); Haydn (Symphony No 103 in E flat, Drum Roll)

3.00 Mining the Archive: Richard Lewis. Robert Tear recalls the life and performances of the great tenor Richard Lewis with a selection of music ranging from Sullivan to Goldschmidt Also includes Britten (Les Illuminations)

4.30 More from the Archive. A recording of the premiere performance of William Alwyn's *Lyra Angelica*

5.00 The Music Machine: Scales. Tommy Pearson adds to his catalogue of musical scales

5.15 In Tune. With Anthony Burton Striggio (Ecce beatam lucem), Kodaly (Summer Evening); Tallis (Spem in alium); Mozart (Piano Sonata in F)

7.25 Royal Opera Verdi Festival: Giovanna d'Arco. From the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Based on Schiller's version of the Joan of Arc story *Die Jungfrau von Orleans*. Sung in Italian. Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Daniele Gatti Prologue; Acts 1 and 2; **9.10** Staging History See Choice **9.35** Act 3

10.20 In Translation: Joshua, by Ehenne Van Heerden

10.45 Hear and Now. Magnus Lindberg (Ritratto)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Frankel (r)

1.00am Through the Night. With Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **(LW only) 6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.55** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Lady Margaret Tebbit (r)

9.45 Letter from Scotland (3/4)

10.00 News; I Was That Teenager . . . In the last of the series, Hunter Davies explores the teenage life of stand-up comic Mark Lamarr

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Five Western Philosophers. Bertrand Russell (5/5) **(LW only)**

10.30 Woman's Hour

10.50-7.00pm Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). Day two of the third Test from Trent Bridge. Incl **3.45** News: Minor Counties Review

11.30 The Natural History Programme (FM only)

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only)

12.25pm The Food Programme (FM only) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; The Summer Serial: The French Lieutenant's Woman (FM only). By John Fowles. With Amanda Redman, David Threlfall, Norman Rodway and Teresa Gallagher (1/3) (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM only)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only), with Tim Marlow

4.45 Short Story: The Line

Judge **(FM only)**

5.00 PM (FM only) 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)

6.30 Growing Spaces (FM only). Edi Stark presents the eclectic garden programme

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Perranwell Station, near Truro With Stephen Dorrell, MP, Secretary of State for Health, Mary Ann Sieghart, an assistant editor of *The Times*, Chris Smith, MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Social Security; and Elizabeth Symonds, General Secretary for the Association of First Division Civil Servants

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Not in Front of the Adults. The film critic Sandra Hebron explores the way in which young people are being depicted in films and the media (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paula (5/7)

11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. See Choice

11.25 Fourth Column. A quizzical look at life

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Sportswriter (3/12) **12.46** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

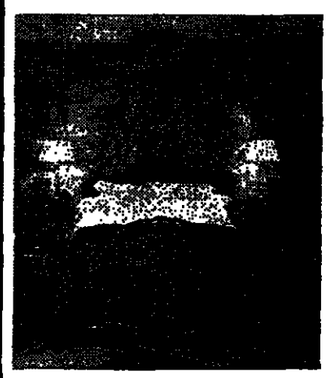
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Swedes uphold Hennessy tradition

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN COLOGNE

THE Hennessy Cup has been a golf fest for the Swedish players ever since it moved from Paris to Cologne in 1991 and their superiority continued during the rain-disrupted first round at the Golf und Landclub here yesterday.

Helen Alfredsson, who won the title in 1991 and 1992, and Liselotte Neumann, who was champion in 1993 and 1994, shared the lead on 68, four under par, alongside Karina Orum, an infiltrator from Denmark. The defending champion, Annika Sorenstam, also of Sweden, posted a satisfactory score of 71 on a day made difficult by a tricky breeze in the afternoon. Two spells of heavy rain caused a delay of nearly two hours, flooding tees and greens.

Laura Davies, who has been putting her Ferrari through its paces on the autobahn (so far it has proved a tad slower but more reliable than Michael Schumacher's), nearly stalled on the grid with a round of 76. It featured three birdies, all on the first nine, five bogeys and a double-bogey seven, at the 18th, where she drove into the trees, then moved the ball four feet before declaring it unplayable.

Davies' round also featured an attempted left-handed shot from beside a tree. She took several full-blooded practice swishes before duffing the ball two feet.

Neumann, who has won three times in the United States already this year, was consistent as usual, dropping only one shot. She was also more-or-less healthy, unlike Orum, who has a cyst causing her pain in her left wrist, and Alfredsson, who discovered recently that her pelvis is out of alignment.

"Beth Daniel noticed it on the practice ground at the US Women's Open last month," Alfredsson, who has had a base in Los Angeles for some time, said: "I fell off a bicycle 11 years ago and I broke two bones in my butt. Apparently they have never healed properly and gradually I've been adjusting my swing to try to beat the pain. Everything I do hurts but next week I'm going to see Leif Svärd, who's the doctor with IFK Gothenburg, my local football team. Hopefully, we'll be able to sort things out."

Yesterday Alfredsson started with four birdies in the first five holes, to go out in 32, four under par and, despite a couple of wildish shots, came home in level par.

Caroline Hall, from Bristol, who had an appendectomy just over two weeks ago and was also suffering from flu, gave up the unequal struggle at the 12th and withdrew.

Uneasy start by Faldo

WHILE the United States celebrated Independence Day yesterday, Nick Faldo, already looking ahead to the Open Championship at Royal Lytham later this month, was making an indifferent start to his attempt to win the Motorola Western Open in Chicago. He finished seven shots behind Brad Bryant, who had nine birdies in a 64.

Faldo, who will celebrate his 39th birthday during the first round of the Open on July 18, failed to take advantage of warm, calm conditions as he played the first nine holes in 37, after starting at the 10th. Although he had birdies at the 13th and 15th, he dropped two strokes at the short 12th.

Faldo has already enjoyed success at Lytham, where he won his first notable victory — the English amateur title in 1975. "I have always enjoyed playing there and I was in the thick of things when Seve Ballesteros won [The Open] in 1988. It suits me," he said.

Faldo will spend most of next week playing links golf in Britain before heading for Lytham on July 14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Critical test for title-chasing St Helens

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE is no denying the importance for St Helens of their visit to Bradford Bulls tonight. With a one-point lead at the top of the Stones Super League, their title aspirations may hinge on tonight's outcome.

If St Helens can negotiate their biggest remaining obstacle, it is hard to see Wigan making up the ground. If they lose, however, Wigan would go top by beating Castleford at home tonight, and might themselves prove beyond reach.

A third scenario sees Bradford coming up on the rails to challenge the two front runners. Wigan travel to Odsal next Friday.

In terms of team strength and crowd support, Bradford are a different proposition compared with St Helens' previous visit last November, when they won with 11 players in front of 3,000 people.

The attendance is expected to be four times that number, reflecting the Bulls' new-found popularity. Bradford lost narrowly at St Helens in April and two weeks later surrendered a 14-point advantage in the Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens scrum half, has an ankle injury and his chances of playing are described as "50-50". John McAtee is on stand-by. Paul Cook will come into the Bradford back line if Paul Loughlin fails in his appeal today against a two-match ban by the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee for a high tackle at London Broncos last week.

League clubs must decide whether they are prepared to pay a five per cent levy of their annual Super League income — £45,000 in the case of Super League teams, £20,000 for those in the first division and £6,000 in the second division — to finance the "fast track" application by South Wales into the Super League next year.

The initial response was mixed at Wednesday night's Rugby League Council, which delayed decisions on the applications by South Wales and Huddersfield for a fortnight. The Cardiff club has £500,000 backing, but additional funding is deemed necessary.

Sunshine for one but cold comfort for two

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Piers Corbyn once a month meets a man from William Hill, and places bets on the weather. "Just off to meet my bookmaker," he calls back to his wife, as he sets off for a City wine bar with a list of long-term predictions. Over a jolly drink, in a nice window, Corbyn hands over a list of cunningly worded forecasts about rainfall and temperature, rubs his beard and laughs a lot: it's like taking Spangles from an infant. Because somehow or other, Corbyn is better at predicting the weather than the Met Office. He observes the Sun, draws a little diagram, and then pronounces with admirable confidence that Newcastle will have snow on Christmas Day.

Last night's **QED: Sunshine and Scattered Showers** (BBC1) was a great advertisement for Corbyn — satisfied customers testifying to his accuracy: lots of big cheques from William Hill: proponents of chaos theory at the Met Office confessing themselves flummoxed. Corbyn sees himself as a latter-day Galileo with the Met Office in the role of the Inquisition, which is not only grandiose but a bit misleading. As far as I remember, the Inquisition didn't beg Galileo to tell them how he did it, while he gleefully refused and kept mum. Corbyn is in a cleft stick, actually. He complains that no one takes him seriously, yet he refuses to reveal his methods — on the simple ground that it would affect his winnings.

The soundtrack pop songs were a bit obvious, I have to say. *Here Comes the Sun* and *The Sun Has Got His Hat On* can't have involved much brain-racking. Having Peter Sallis as narrator was a nice idea, however, because he is the voice of Wallace (of Gromit fame), and his tone is therefore suggestive of fireside invention and techno-trousers. But the real achievement of this *QED* was to give us a 30-minute profile of this man, arguing falsely all the time (as Corbyn does himself), from effect to cause, that if he's observably right most of the time, then his methods must be sound. The men at the Met Office rightly berate him — "That's not science!" — but he refuses to see their point of view. In fact, his response is to hold up an enlarged cheque from William Hill, with the expression of Eric Morecambe when he used to say "Get out of that, you can't can you?"

The couple in last night's **Video Diaries, *Steve, Su and Alice Too*** (BBC2), were beset by some false logic, too, of a rather more damaging nature. Medical checks had revealed no fertility problems in either Su or Steve, yet they did not conceive. Between them, therefore, they had decided that Su was a failure. This was convenient for Steve. Su would sit on the kitchen floor, weeping in a foetal position, and tell the camera "I'm a complete failure at everything. Everything I touch breaks. Everything I say is the wrong thing. Everything I do is wrong."

Oh for goodness' sake, get a grip, I thought; but then Steve gave his own version, and my blood ran cold. "Well, you *are* a failure," he had told her during a famous argument, and now he justified his remark. "She has failed at having a baby; she has failed at riding a bike; she has failed at a lot of things really," he said. They had decided that if they didn't manage to adopt a baby soon, or make one for themselves, they would split up, so that Steve could have better luck somewhere else. This couple clearly had no idea how their intimate revelations would come over. What gave Steve the right to blame Su? That she *couldn't ride a bike*?

I kept praying she would leave him. Words of Paul Simon jazzed in my brain. Hop on the bus, Gus; slip out the back, Jack; make a new plan, Stan. But Steve and Su battled on with adoption plans and *in vitro* fertilisation. Didn't either of them realise what they were heading for? On a day out, Steve watched a family walk past. "That should be me, with two kids. Why isn't it, Susan? Why?" "Because that's life," she said. "No, it's because I picked you," he said. "Christ knows why I ended up with all this aggro." They were giggling, but it wasn't funny. "Because you love me," she said, and he didn't reply. It's not often I want to stop the proceedings to scream at someone on the telly, but if this animated doormat didn't buck up soon, I was quite prepared to drive to Worthing and put her straight.

So there was considerable psycho-drama both sides of the screen. Su and Steve moped and raged, and tried for a year to get a Chinese baby; and finally, just as the adoption plan started to work, Su got pregnant through IVF. Faced with the prospect now of two babies, they cancelled the adoption, and the diary ended on a seemingly optimistic note (though if anything went wrong with this baby — or indeed anything else — we knew whose fault it would be).

But in an abrupt, heart-stopping coda, we learnt that their baby had arrived prematurely in April and died. What? *What*? "Matthew suffered a severe brain haemorrhage on the sixth day. He died that evening in our arms." It was hard to take in. Having spent an hour sharing a year of Su and Steve's agonies of frustration, we were now dumped in the final seconds with these stark words about the worst outcome imaginable: no baby at all; and moreover "failure" by Su that would surely break her heart.

Dropping such an emotional bombshell on the viewer was unforgivable; but for the sake of Steve and Su, it was doubly shocking. Given the terrible outcome, this diary simply should not have been broadcast; it leaves them with nothing at all.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (63389)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (87360)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (3971698)

9.20 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade (r) (4464037)

9.30 Natural World: Running for their Lives (Ceefax) (s) (8619785) **N.I.: 9.30** My Favourite Nosh **10.00-10.50** Anderson on the Road

10.20 My Favourite Nosh (6930921)

10.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (3390582)

10.55 Cricket — Third Test: England v India. Live coverage of the second morning's play from Trent Bridge (43364747)

12.35pm Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (9236747)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (97747)

1.30 Regional News and weather (86209105)

1.35 Wimbledon 96 and Cricket — Third Test. Live coverage of the men's semi-finals and further action from the third Test between England and India (s) (94064292)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (993853)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (211)

6.30 Regional news magazines (563)

7.00 Top of the Pops. The latest hits, featuring exclusive live performances and new videos (Ceefax) (s) (9766)

7.30 CHOICE **Future Fantastic: Starman** (Ceefax) (s) (747)

8.00 The Olympic Game. As the countdown to this summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta begins, Steve Rider hosts a new sports quiz with team captains Daley Thompson and Steve Cram, and guest Olympians Kriss Akabusi and Ann Brightwell (Ceefax) (s)

8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the snooker game show in which celebrity players pot on behalf of contestants, with cash and prizes at stake. Tonight's pros are Willie Thorne, Ronnie O'Sullivan and Martin Clark (Ceefax) (s) (7921)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8259)

9.30 999. Michael Buerk presents another chance to see some of the most dramatic reconstructions from the series (Ceefax) (s) (489360) **N.I.: 9.30-10.20** Anderson on the Road **11.25** 999 **12.15-1.00am** Irish Open Golf

10.20 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights from the day's play (Ceefax) (s) (3773766)

11.25 FILM: Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978) with Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams, Veronica Cartwright, Leonard Nimoy and Jeff Goldblum. A remake of the 1956 classic sci-fi shocker. A San Francisco public health inspector uncovers a terrifying conspiracy to replace human beings with outer-space pods which take human form. Directed by Philip Kaufman (Ceefax) (175211)

1.15am FILM: Devil Doll (1964) starring Bryan Halliday in a classic horror tale. An American journalist takes his fiancée to see a performance by a ventriloquist and hypnotist, but after the show she is afflicted by a strange illness. With William Sylvester and Yvonne Romain. Directed by Lindsay Shonteff (7588693)

2.35am Weather (5537970)

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BBC2

6.00am The Learning Zone: Open University: the Mammalian Kidney (6327211) **6.25 Seville: Gateway to the Indies** (6313018) **6.50 San Marco** (8868327)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4507766)

7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (9545414) **7.55 The Really Wild Show** (r) (Ceefax) (5368853) **8.20 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (Ceefax) (6798143)

8.35 The Record (6242766)

9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Highlights (Ceefax) (s) (94747)

10.00 Playdays (r) (6934747) **10.25 The Addams Family** (b/w) (r) (5850037) **10.50 The Fugitive** (b/w) (r) (9534650) **11.40 Open View** (2195747) **11.45 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (1836495) **12.00 Batik** (85327)

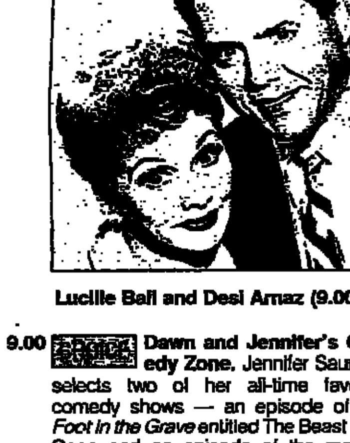
12.30pm Wimbledon 96 and Cricket — Third Test. Live coverage of the men's semi-final. Plus action from the third Test between England and India (2335495)

3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (2275360)

4.00 Cartoon (7838698) **4.05 To Me ... to You** (Ceefax) (2291308) **4.30 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (360) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8108563) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7574018)

5.35 Wimbledon 96 and Cricket — Third Test. Live action from the men's semi-finals. Plus action from Trent Bridge in the third Test (76089766)

8.30 CHOICE **Gardeners' World** (Ceefax) (s) (5563)



Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Dawn and Jennifer's Comedy Zone.** Jennifer Saunders selects two of her all-time favourite comedy shows — an episode of *One Foot in the Grave* entitled The Beast in the Cage and an episode of the madcap American comedy series *I Love Lucy*, with Lucille Ball (Ceefax) (7872)

10.00 Friday Night Armistice. Satirical comedy show (86056)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (824722)

11.15 Cricket — Third Test. Highlights (659747) **WALES: 11.15** Welsh Lobby (146872) **11.45** Cricket (105501) **12.25am** Weather (6922964) **12.30** FILM: Orpheus Descending (410815)

12.00 FILM: Orpheus Descending (1990) with Vanessa Redgrave, Kevin Anderson, Anne Twomey, Miriam Margolyes and Patti Allison. Adaptation of a Tennessee Williams drama previously filmed under the title *The Fugitive Kind* and directed by Sidney Lumet, and featuring a blond, guitar-playing Marlon Brando as the young stud, misfired badly. Peter Hall's attempt fared rather better. In a Southern town in America, an Italian immigrant begins a romance with a drifter in an attempt to recapture her youth, while her husband lies dying (Ceefax) (s) (64070) Ends at **2.00am**

CHOICE

Future Fantastic: Starman
BBC1, 7.30pm

Space travel is the latest topic for the series that tries to convince us that today's science fiction will become tomorrow's science fact. "Our adventure in space has only just started," promises the presenter, Gillian Anderson, as if starring in *The X Files* has given her a privileged glimpse into the future. The film homes in on two possibilities. The likelier one is that space travel will adopt a means of propulsion one hundred times more efficient than the detonation of a nuclear bomb. An expert from a university in the United States, of which this series has provided an abundance, assures us it will happen. The other prospect is travelling in time, though even Anderson concedes that the technology is not yet there.

Gardeners' World
BBC2, 8.30pm

Although Geoff Hamilton and the team tend to make gardening look much easier than it really is, *Gardeners' World* remains television's most polished and sensible guide. Peonies bulk large this week, as the cameras visit Bob Mitchell in his 18th-century house overlooking the Firth of Forth. A former director of St Andrews University Botanic Gardens, and now in retirement, Mitchell has made peonies his speciality. Many of his species have come from China and he is determined, despite the promiscuous nature of the plant, to keep them pure. There are Chinese echoes, too, in herbal medicine, as we hear from a practitioner, Anne McIntyre. Whether you believe in her treatments or not, her garden in the Cotswolds is a picture.

Dawn and Jennifer's Comedy Zone
BBC2, 9.00pm

Although this is nothing more than an excuse for a series of summer repeats, the project has its justification. Jennifer Saunders and Dawn French take it in turns to choose and introduce a double-bill of favourite episodes from comedy shows. Saunders is in charge tonight, plumping for *One Foot in the Grave* and, going back a few years, *I Love Lucy*. The only reservation about *One Foot* is that repeats are hardly a rarity, though the Meldrews' predictably disastrous outing to Whipsnade zoo is a sample of David Renwick's writing at its funniest. Saunders chose *I Love Lucy* on the strength of a sequence still etched on her memory in which Lucille Ball descends a staircase in an extravagant hat. It is good to be reminded of one of the few sit-coms from the 1950s that can still be shown without embarrassment.

Frasier: She's the Boss
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Back for a new series, the *Cheers* spin-off won two Emmy awards last year and is widely regarded as one of the best of its genre. Yet like so many sit-coms from the United States it is often a triumph of smart lines over real substance. The characters never develop beyond their fixed roles and the trick is to keep the gags flowing so fast that nobody notices. And yet *Frasier* has its undeniable pleasures and Kelsey Grammer's shrink turned radio phone-in host is one of them. He faces a new boss this week and a woman at that, and finds his show demoted to the early hours of the morning. His revenge is as witty as it is resourceful. As usual there are a clutch of treasurable lines, as when the boss hits back at Frasier's diction: "Isn't it sad when bad things happen to good sentences?" Tom Hulce and Carrie Fisher are among the celebrity callers.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1795501)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (6058650)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6944124)

10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (3525056)

10.35 This Morning (95886619)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2741495)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (9255872)

12.55 Entertainment Today (9230563) **1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle** (5490969) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (61130308) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (7330037)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (9751056)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (9750327)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (3925124) **3.40 The Treacle People** (s) (1680650) **3.50 Zzzap!** (r) (s) (6146853) **4.10 Cartoon Time** (2893921) **4.15 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** (r) (5222563) **4.40 Spatz** (r) (Teletext) (2812056)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7011327)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (419476)

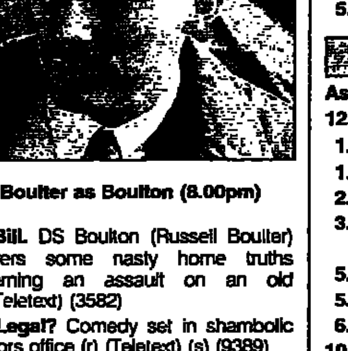
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (999698)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (542281)

6.50 Let's Go (463018)

7.00 Lucky Numbers (Teletext) (s) (4834)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (143)



Russell Boulter as Boulton (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. DS Boulton (Russell Boulter) uncovers some nasty home truths concerning an assault on an old man (Teletext) (3582)

8.30 Is It Legal? Comedy set in shambolic solicitors office (r) (Teletext) (s) (9389)

9.00 Savannah. The police suspect that Travis was poisoned before his body was dumped in the river (Teletext) (s) (1698)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (73582)

10.30 HTV West News and weather (282414)

10.40 Olympic Comedy. A gala evening of comedy in aid of the British Olympic appeal (507263)

11.10 FILM: The Burning Bed (1985) starring Farrah Fawcett, Paul Le Mat and Richard Masur. Harrowing tale based on a true story about a woman who after years of being brutalised by her husband loses control and kills him by burning him to death in his bed. Directed by Robert Greenwald (604308)

12.55 Funny Business (r) (s) (6939254)

1.25 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (4834186)

2.30 FILM: Eat and Run (1986) starring Ron Silver, Sharon Schlarth and R.L. Ryan. Comedy horror spoof. Directed by Christopher Hart (98896)

4.00 Profile (61528051)

4.05 Not Fade Away (2791902)

5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (48032)

5.30 Morning News (66341)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (157501)

10.40-11.10 Wales This Week (507263)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25pm-12.30 My Story (2759414)

12.55 Coronation Street (9230563)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61083124)

1.55 Home and Away (92377292)

2.25 High Road (61133495)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (7804501)

5.10 Home and Away (7011327)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (18143)

10.30 Westcountry News (273766)

10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror (65099563)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (9230563)

1.25 Cross Wits (61083124)

1.55 A Country Practice (78995921)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7949476)

5.10 Shortland Street (7011327)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (157501)

10.40 Film: Used Cars (56862495)

12.40am Comedy Central (8175490)

1.40 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (7431983)

2.40 Cyber Cafe (9814070)

3.05 Dear Nick (3821693)

4.00 Wanted Dead or Alive (61528051)

4.05 Jobfinder (4717506)

5.20 Asian Eye (1652506)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Coronation Street (9230563)

1.25 Home and Away (61083124)

1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (78995921)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7331766)

3.15-3.20 Three Minutes — Making It Happen (9754143)

5.10 Home and Away (7011327)

5.37 Three Minutes — Your Story (634259)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (18143)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (273766)

10.45 The New Statesman (143785)

11.15 Tiger Bastable (140698)

11.45 Hunter (854495)

5.00am Freescreen (48032)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (8865230) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (10698) **9.00 Film: Berlin Correspondent** (3394766) **10.15 Quinoscopios** (7327501) **10.25 Film: Sailors Three** (47778650) **12.00 Sesame Street** (10501) **1.00pm Slot Meithrin** (13785) **1.30 Short Stories** (69227) **2.00 Dentists** (61121650) **2.25 Channel 4 Racing From Sandown Park** (20003114) **4.30 Absolutely Animals** (376) **5.00 5 Pump: Anifeiliaid Fforest Fach** (5940) **5.30 Countdown** (308) **6.00 Newyddion** (348940) **6.15 Heno** (873037) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (277308) **7.25 Ir Byw: Priodas** (435211) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (1124) **8.30 Newyddion** (3719) **9.00 Home to Roost** (1969) **9.30 Tour De France** (11230) **10.00 Brookside** (71124) **10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back** (729358) **11.10 Baadasss TV** (647327) **11.40 Film: The Killing** (248768) **1.15am Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives** (80525) **1.45 Film: The Mask of Fu Manchu** (6443148) **3.00 Beat Specials** (97506)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (8865230)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (10698)

9.00 FILM: Berlin Correspondent (1942, b/w) with Dana Andrews as a reporter in wartime Berlin who is romanced by a Gestapo officer's girlfriend. Directed by Eugene Forde (3394766)

10.15 Quinoscopios (7327501)

10.25 FILM: Sailors Three (1940, b/w) A trio of British sailors end up as prisoners on board a German pocket battleship. Directed by Walter Ford (47778650)

12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (70495) **12.30 Waterways** (r) (19786) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (2335501) **1.55 Australia Wild** (Teletext) (92375834)

2.25 Racing from Sandown Park (s) (20003114)

4.30 Countdown (376) **5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms** (8/12) (1747)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (s) (980940)

6.25 Tour De France (155143)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (282056)

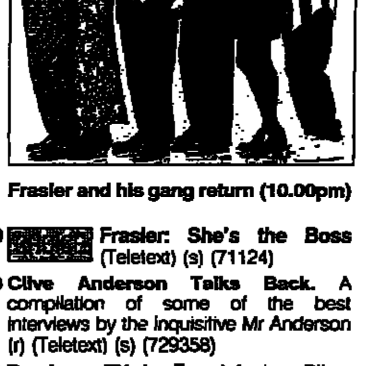
7.55 Book Choice (Teletext) (s) (592389)

8.00 Garden Party with Tom Barber and Jane Stemdale-Bennett (Teletext) (s) (1124)

8.30 Brookside. Mike has a shocking proposal for Lindsey (Teletext) (s) (3719)

9.00 Cybill: Where's Zoey? Cybill insists that she stay with Maryann while she is away (Teletext) (s) (1969)

9.30 Friends. A neighbour dies but has remembered Monica and Rachel in his will (Teletext) (s) (11230)



Frasier and his gang return (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Frasier: She's the Boss** (Teletext) (s) (71124)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. A compilation of some of the best interviews by the inquisitive Mr Anderson (r) (Teletext) (s) (729358)

11.10 Baadasss TV. Ice-T and Andrea Oliver take a last light-hearted look at black popular culture (s) (647327)

11.40 FILM: The Killing (1956, b/w) with Sterling Hayden, Marie Windsor, Jay C. Flippen and Elisha Cook Jr. Stanley Kubrick's classic adaptation of Lionel White's novel about an elaborate racetrack robbery that goes chillingly wrong (248768)

1.15am Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives. In the last of the series, Jack Dee and Jeremy Hardy find there is wealth in health (Teletext) (s) (80525)

1.45 FILM: The Mask of Fu Manchu (1932, b/w) with Boris Karloff as Sax Rohmer's Oriental master-criminal who will let nothing stop him from getting hold of the mask and sword of Genghis Khan as part of his scheme for world domination. Directed by Charles Brabin (6443148)

3.00 Beat Specials with Spearhead and Tricky (r) (s) (97506) Ends at **4.00**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (30476) **9.00** Press Your Luck (1311834) **9.20** Love Connection (3965056) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (9632259) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6763124) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (1703308) **12.00** Sightings (23501) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (51872) **1.00** Hotel (56327) **2.00** Geraldo (27414) **3.00** Court TV (3501) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5743872) **4.15** Undun (4476582) **5.00** Quantum Leap (4853) **6.00** Space Precinct (36563) **7.00** Spellbound (5582) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8308) **8.00** 3rd Rock from the Sun (4230) **8.30** Jimmy's (2227) **9.00** Walker (73018) **10.00** Quantum Leap (76105) **11.00** Highlander (43940) **12.00** Late Show (1417322) **12.45am** Return to Lonesome Dove (5737693) **1.30** The Edge (12728) **2.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

9.30am Century (99834) **10.30** ABC Nightline (87673) **1.30pm** CBS News (73308) **2.30** CBS News (87230) **3.30** The Lords (3230) **5.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (82921) **7.30** Sportsline (50360) **8.30** Entertainment (8679) **11.30** CBS News (84940) **12.30am** ABC World News (18490) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (9758490) **2.10** Court TV — War Crimes (1057544) **3.30** The Lords (64525) **4.30** CBS News (46032) **5.30** ABC World News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Kitty Foyle (1940) (46389) **8.00 The Gay Divorcee (1934)** (18766) **10.00 Split Infinity (1992)** (24400281) **11.45 Legend of the White Horse (1985)** (69675853) **1.30pm Home to Stay (1978)** (...77) **3.00 Challenge to Be Free (1972)** (...71) **4.30 A Boy Named Charlie Brown (1969)** (15766) **6.00 Split Infinity (1992)** (70921) **8.00 Jules Verne's 800 Leagues Down the Amazon (1994)** (82766) **10.00 No Escape (1993)** (47105) **12.00 Red Sun Rising (1993)** (307877) **1.45am Family of Strangers (1993)** (136254) **3.15 Halls of Anger (1970)**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Summer Stock (1950) (52259) **2.00pm Falling in Love (1984)** (72327) **4.00 Golden Earrings (1947)** (1327) **6.00 Our Man Flint (1966)** (52563) **8.00 Enemy Mine (1985)** (64308) **10.00 Hard to Kill (1990)** (256650) **11.40 The Incident (1967)** (391582) **1.20am To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)** (69874099) **3.25-5.00 Desire (1936)** (697964)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Fuzzy Pink Nightgown (1957) (98018) **7.30 Spider-Man: Night of the Clones/Escort of Danger (1978)** (49749785) **9.05 You Can't Cheat an Honest Man (1939)** (3556105) **10.30 Courage of Rin Tin Tin (1982)** (98650) **12.00 Trapped in Paradise (1994)** (39259) **2.00pm It's in the Air (1938)** (98327) **4.00 Spider-Man: Night of the Clones/Escort of Danger (1978)** (7327) **6.00 Bandit's Silver Angel (1994)** (33650) **7.30 UK Top Ten ()** (1018) **8.00 Trapped in Paradise (1994)** (80308) **10.00 Wyatt Earp (1994)** (17481940) **1.10am Murder Between Friends (1994)** (371273) **2.50 O.C. and Stiggs (1984)** (487525) **4.40 You Can't Cheat an Honest Man (1939)** (3312612)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

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SKY SPORTS

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SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3574766) **7.55** As the World Turns (4355834) **8.50** Peyton Place (9853018) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (9430308) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4615785)

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TLC

9.00am Painting (5122747) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (8815563) **10.00** Next Stuff (5801853) **10.30** This Old House (5151259) **11.00** House Style (1939037) **11.30** Room Service (1930766) **12.00** Julia Child (5135211) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (8826679) **1.00** Simply Delicious Meals in Minutes (1708785) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (8818650) **2.00** Our House (3808619) **2.30** Garden Club (3618211) **3.00** Two's Country (4354704) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (3620056)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (1701872) **7.30** Neighbours (1797679) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5134582) **8.30** EastEnders (5133853) **9.00** The Bill (5124105) **9.30** The Sullivans (8817921) **10.00** Poldark (1786563) **11.00** Bullseye (1931495) **11.30** XYZ (1274292) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (83695211) **12.30** Neighbours (8828037) **1.00** EastEnders (2822143) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4798230) **2.15** The Liver Birds (6852360) **2.50** Terry and June (6513747) **3.30** The Bill (3622414) **4.00** Casualty (1922747) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6439259) **5.45** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (6835476) **6.25** EastEnders (4354940) **7.00** Best of TOTP (2481327) **7.55** Bullseye (9579969) **8.25** To the Manor Born (3754785) **9.00** Casualty (3379230) **10.00** The Bill (3563308) **10.35** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (1246143) **11.10** Minder (4139327) **12.15am** FILM: Desperate Justice

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6.00am Swan's Crossing (36785) **6.30** Round the Twist (21399) **7.00** Ready or Not (53476) **7.30** California Dreams (65211) **8.00** Byker Grove (32308) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (31679) **9.00** Iznogoud (55259) **9.30** Bobby's World (52650) **10.00** Battletech (45969) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (44143) **11.00** Stunt Dawgs (38495) **11.30** Baby Follies (39124) **12.00** Tiny TCC (35495) **12.30pm** Tiny and Crew (7254308) **12.50** Cartoon with Little Brmm (44132037) **1.00** Bump (96983360) **1.10** Coccinel (77474501) **1.15** Teddy Trucks (96902495) **1.30** Sesame Street (55940) **2.00** Johnson and Friends (6700245) **2.40** Greedysaurus (3226292) **2.45** King Rollo (3225563) **2.50** The Clangers (1300489) **3.00** Eek the Cat (3785) **3.30** Pink Panther **4.00** California Dreams (1679) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (9993)

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MTV

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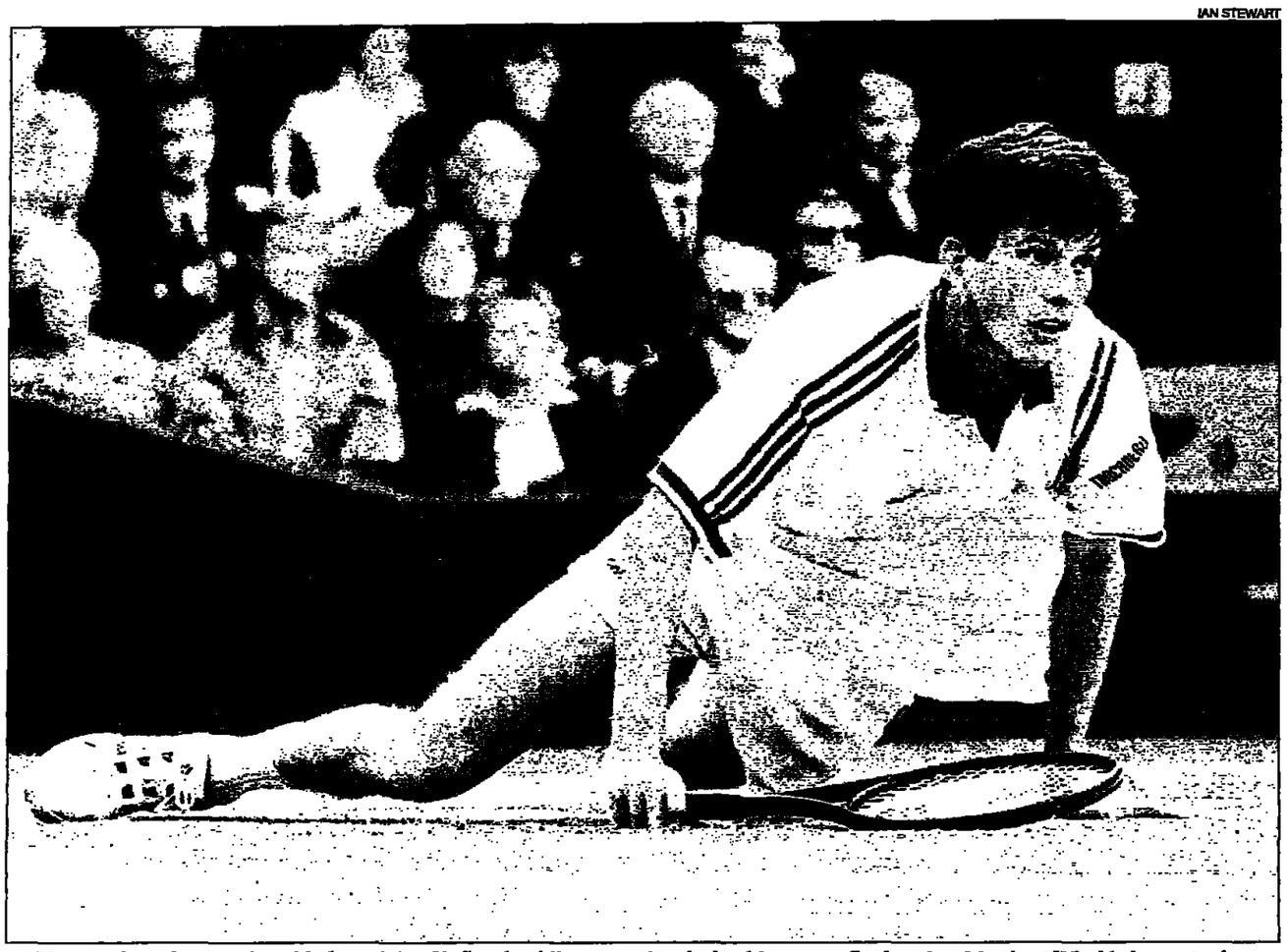
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No disgrace as high-flying Briton loses quarter-final to powerful No 13 seed

Gallant Henman falls to earth

BY DAVID MILLER

IAN STEWART



Henman bravely struggles with the weight of inflated public expectation during his quarter-final against Martin at Wimbledon yesterday

THE giddy, galloping dream is ended. Reality returns. The British public reluctantly discovered yesterday that Tim Henman was not going to win Wimbledon this year. The gallant 21-year-old is none the worse for that. Over 11 days he became, nearly, an internationally important player.

That he lost his much-heralded men's singles quarter-final against Todd Martin; the No 13 seed from the United States, was anything but a disgrace. In a match lasting two hours 19 minutes on the Centre Court, and interrupted four times by rain during almost seven hours, he lost his service only once, for 3-2 in the third set. The match turned on two tie-breaks, in an honorable defeat by 7-6, 7-6, 6-4.

The 6ft 6in Martin, a head taller and five years Henman's senior, never allowed him a window of opportunity. A semi-finalist at Wimbledon and the US Open two years ago, Martin did what he had to do.He always had an edge in power and accuracy.

Henman had two break points and three set points in the first set. Four times Martin unleashed a big serve to close the door. On the other, the second of the set points at 6-5, Henman's backhand return down the line drifted wide.

He was asked afterwards whether, one day, he would come back to Wimbledon and win. "I'd like to think so," Henman said. "I think it shows, with the depth of men's tennis, that draws do open up when the lesser-ranked players beat the top guys. So, hopefully, if I can continue to improve, and opportunities do arise at this tournament, who knows?"

Defeated, he continues to think big. He always believed he could be a good player, he reflected. His best tournament to date had emphasised that he was within reach of the top flight. "Now I've got to go out and join them," he said.

Billy Knight, the former Great Britain Davis Cup player, thought yesterday's result could benefit Henman in the long term. "Tim did nothing wrong," Knight said, "but, if he had gone farther, the pressure next time he played here would have been huge. This will allow him to develop his game further."

David Felgate, Henman's coach, expressed a similar opinion. "Tim lost to the better player on the day," he said. "He [Martin] played two great tie-breaks. He [Henman] learnt a lot and made huge strides, and that's not the last of him — it's the beginning."

Felgate said that Henman had previously looked as good in practice as he had revealed in public during the past two weeks. "Now it's come out [in the open]. He didn't lose because of inexperience."

Many of the Centre Court seats were empty as the players began yesterday morning and, from the opening two points, Henman received warning of the task ahead. Martin, who had won their only previous meeting, hit two service returns for 30-0 and had two break points. With typical resolve, Henman held his ground, and took the game with an ace.

When four deep serves, including two aces, gave Henman 3-2, having just missed his first break point in the previous game, it seemed his momentum was beginning to roll. Twice more he served confidently, leading 5-4. Now came his first chance.

A sharp service return to Martin's half volley in mid-court forced a backhand that was long: 30-40. Martin's next service was called out, but the linesman was over-ruled by the umpire, allowing an ace for deuce. Henman was dismayed, but kept his nerve, and served to lead 6-5.

Another return to force a half volley error gave him deuce. A forehand return, then a backhand return, brought consecutive set points, but Martin was equal to the task.

In the tie-break, errors by Henman gave Martin a 4-1 lead, only for Henman to pull back to 5-5. Martin served an ace for his first set point, and Henman, troubled by the wind that swirled incessantly, double faulted.

There was nothing between the two men as they battled through the second set, but rain halted them at 4-3 to Martin. They returned after half an hour and, in the second tie-break, Martin raced to 6-1 as Henman faltered for the first time. He saved one set point but Martin aced for an imposing lead.

Three times they were driven off the court in the third set and, between the first and the second interruption, Henman dropped his service. Martin took the break for 3-2 with a severe backhand return down the line. From there on, Henman's hopes, and those of the crowd, quietly drifted away.

Martin was generous about the prospects of the young Briton who might be the man at last to emulate Fred Perry. "I think Tim is going to be a great player," Martin said. "I can't say enough good things about him. To deal with everything he has had to for the last week, after his win over Kafelnikov, I think it's a remarkable effort to have kept his mind on the game."

Henman remained philosophical to the last. "We were both serving well," he said. "I didn't take my chances; he took his."

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Time comes to look forward as party winds up

Simon Barnes sees the end of the beginning of a great tennis career

The worst time for a hangover is 11am. So my friends tell me, anyway. That is the time you realise that it is not a passing inconvenience. It is something that will not go away. That awful stench of flat beer will be with you the entire day.

That is how it was for Tim Henman yesterday. Arriving on Centre Court at 11, he looked like a guilty teenager arriving at the scene of last night's party. The court, half-empty and ignored by the corporate hospitality types, fitted the mood to perfection, perhaps helped to create it.

The party was over and someone had to clear up. The fags stubbed out in the pork pie; the bits of French loaf that had been used for Mick Jagger impersonations; the item of ladies clothing hanging from the lampshade — and then that stain across the wallpaper where the Watney's Party Seven can exploded. How amusing that seemed at the time. Such a hangover, such a mess, and your parents will be coming home before noon. Alas, poor Tim.

All that is left to console you is the thought that it has been a hell of a party and, for Henman, it really was. Yesterday had that flat taste of too much. It did, indeed, seem to go on just that little bit further than was wise. Like all the best parties.

Indeed, Henman's opponent, Todd Martin, dwarfing even the lanky Henman, looked like a grown up gatecrasher come to pick a fight. Well, rather more than a grown-up: there is something of Herman Munster about him, with his single eyebrow and Cro-Magnon brow-ridge.

But he outplayed Henman. Perhaps there was only a fag-paper between them, but at this level — of tennis, of any sport — any difference at all tends to be decisive. Henman was second best all day, a man who had gone a round too far.

Afterwards, he was composed. Sporting enough to come straight from his match into the post-match press conference — a sportsman sensitive to newspaper deadlines is a joy forever — he steered himself perfectly between the Scylla and Charybdis of triumph and remorse.

Could he ever win it? Ten days ago, even the suggestion that a British player could win a Wimbledon singles title would have brought the house down. Yesterday the subject was one of sober seriousness. "I'd like to think so. I already believed I was a good player; these last ten days have just emphasised it," he said. "I've shown I can compete with the top players. My job now is to join them."

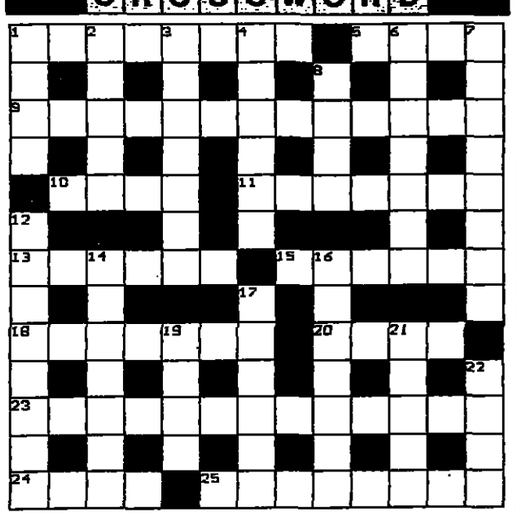
Is such a thing possible? Definitely. Recall his face in triumph a couple of days ago, as he won his fourth-round match against Magnus Gustafsson. Not overjoyed. This was not a wild bonus that the fates had thrown him. Henman believed that he was there *by right*.

I was reminded of Sebastian Coe. The same flop of dark hair, the same immaculate manners, the same ever-so-slightly wimpy air about him — that is totally, utterly deceptive. You may recall Coe's face of maniacal anger in victory at the Los Angeles Olympic Games: there was just a hint of that in Henman's face as he took his place in the quarter-final.

Henman has risen to a series of occasions in the past ten days. He has carried the burden of being a Brit at Wimbledon as if it were a feather. Attention has neither fazed nor embarrassed him, and nor has it puffed him up.

Was this the great ten days of his life, I wonder? Will we remember 1996, when whatsisname, Henman, did so well? Or will we say "but I was there when it all I started. Even then, in 1996, I knew he was marked for greatness"? He is a very good player: I think he will train on. How good will he be? Wait and see.

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13 Formal international agreement (6)
15 Common, plebeian (6)
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2 Card game; — Carlo (5)
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6 Greeting; raining icily (7)
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Tendulkar and Ganguly feast on limited England bowling

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TRENT BRIDGE (first day of five: India won toss): India have scored 287 for two wickets against England

THERE are moments in almost any match when a captain fears the worst and Michael Atherton suffered two of them before lunch here yesterday. Losing the toss, on the most sublime pitch of early summer, was a grievous blow to England's hopes of a decisive second win over India in this final Cornhill Test. Still more deflating was the catch missed by Atherton before Sachin Tendulkar had scored.

The most complete batsman in the world took this as a licence to bat all day and duly did so with the relish of one who might now repeat the process today.

He was accompanied all the while by Sourav Ganguly, a few months his junior in age, 39 Tests his junior in experience but scarcely inferior in scope and ambition. Their stand, so far worth 254, is a record for any Indian wicket in England.

This was Ganguly's second Test match innings; like his first, at Lord's a fortnight ago, it brought him a century. Ganguly, an engaging and naturally fluent left-hander, thus became the first player since Alvin Kallicharran, 24 years ago, to begin a Test career with successive hundreds, while Tendulkar made the century expected by all and dreaded by Atherton.

After all the tub-thumping rhetoric appropriate to this season of sporting nationalism, it was a curiously empty day for England and they may now face four uncomfortable days of hanging on to their lead in the series. Trent Bridge was nowhere near full and it was a decorous crowd, respectful but without animation. It was not that they had a poor day's entertainment, for no day on which Tendulkar makes runs is ever wasted, but it was plainly not the day they had hoped for.

Realism, however, suggested it would be this way the moment Mohammed Azharuddin called correctly for the third time in three Tests. The grin that spread instantly across the face of the Indian captain told its own story. He had chosen a side with two spinners among a four-man attack; he badly needed to bat first. England, having predictably omitted Ronnie Irani to give a debut to Mark Ealham, now required significant breaches with the new ball, and so nearly achieved them.

This is by no stretch of the imagination an intimidating England attack but a pitch of such impeccable manners, however, would disarm even the best of bowling and it was therefore to the credit of Dominic Cork and Chris Lewis that they took two early wickets and might easily have reduced India to 35 for three.

Dark clouds gusted across the ground all day but the only time rain intervened was in the fourth over. It fell immediately after Cork had reiterated that enviable ability to take wickets with innocuous balls by having Vikram Rathore caught behind off a glove down the leg side.

Play resumed within 25 minutes and Ganguly was into double figures before the fourth over was complete. At Lord's he had batted watchfully, judiciously, but here, in different conditions and with the confidence of one who has graduated, he played strokes of trust and timing remarkably early. He lost Mongia with the total 33, a deserved wicket for the prodigal Lewis, England's best bowler, whose outswinger flew fast off the edge to second slip, where Hick knocked it up and Russell completed the catch.

Tendulkar's sixth ball, from Lewis, was inoffensively short but Tendulkar failed to get over a square cut and Atherton, at gully, did not have to move. The catch came at him shin high and simply did not stick. It was many hours before Tendulkar next erred, and that was an edge to slip off a no-ball from Cork with his score 119.

What thoughts were tormenting Atherton as he approached Tendulkar to congratulate him when he reached the tenth century of his already startling Test career only he can say.

It was an innings decorated by Tendulkar's trademark stroke, the back-foot drive, either side of the wicket, that he plays with a poise and precision beyond anyone else. There could be no greater tribute to Ganguly than the fact that some of his cover-driving suffered not at all by comparison.

He took with particular enthusiasm to Min Patel, whose first extended bowl in Test cricket was not a conspicuous success. The same might be said of his Kent colleague, Ealham, and Mullally was not threatening either. This, however, was a difficult and potentially unfair day on which to judge bowling. It was a day, instead, to marvel at the batting of the young master and his rapidly aspiring apprentice.



Ganguly: second century

Michael Henderson 42
Mushtaq on song 42

SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

India won toss

INDIA: First Innings
V Rathore c Russell b Cork ... 4 (13mn, 7 balls)
†N R Mongia c Russell b Lewis ... 9 (38mn, 24 balls, 1 four)
S C Ganguly not out ... 136 (349min, 260 balls, 2 sixes, 17 fours)
S R Tendulkar not out ... 123 (324mn, 258 balls, 16 fours)
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 2, nb 7) ... 15
Total (2 wkts, 80 overs, 363min) ... 287
*M Azharuddin, R Dravid, S V Manjrekar, A Kumble, J Srinath, B K V Prasad, S L V Raju to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7 (Mongia 3), 2-33 (Ganguly 20)

BOWLING: Lewis 20-4-52-1 (nb 3; 5 fours, 7-0-23-1, 5-1-16-0, 4-1-9-0, 4-2-4-0), Cork 17-4-70-1 (nb 4; 10 fours; 8-2-27-1; 3-0-29-0, 6-2-14-0); Mullally 20-4-48-0 (6 fours; 3-1-3-0; 8-2-15-0, 2-0-8-0, 7-1-14-0), Ealham 12-4-35-0 (5 fours, 8-1-17-0; 6-3-18-0); Patel 16-1-67-0 (nb 2; 2 sixes, 8 fours; 1-0-6-0, 5-0-20-0, 9-1-30-0, 1-0-11-0); Hick 4-1-8-0 (one spell), Thorpe 1-0-3-0 (w 2)

SCORING NOTES: First day: Lunch: 71-2 (22 overs, 93min, Ganguly 43, Tendulkar 14). Tea: 179-2 (53 overs, 214min; Ganguly 78, Tendulkar 85). Second new ball: 259-2 (80 overs) at 5.44pm

ENGLAND: *M A Atherton, A J Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, M A Ealham, †R C Russell, C C Lewis, D G Cork, M M Patel, A D Mullally

Umpires: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and G Sharp. Third umpire: D J Constant. Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies)

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edgbaston): England won by 8 wickets. Second Test (Lord's): Match drawn

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